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beginning for
Tony Stark"**

— Multiversity Comics

IRON MAN



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BIG IRON

MARVEL

IRON MAN



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"Humanity is acquiring technology for all the wrong reasons."
—Buckminster Fuller

MONDAY.

"YOU KNOW WHY
THAT CARTOON
TIRE MAN IS
WHITE, RIGHT?"



"BECAUSE *RUBBER* IS
WHITE. BUT THEN THEY
STARTED ADDING, UM...WHAT
IS IT?...*CARBON BLACK*
TO TIRES. MAKES 'EM LAST
LONGER. THEY GRIP THE
ROAD BETTER.

"I JUST THINK
IT'S KINDA
AMAZING WHAT
WE CAN DO.



"BUT THEN HOW
SOON WE
FORGET WE
DID IT.



KRRSSSS
HHHH

"1971
PLYMOUTH
DUSTER."

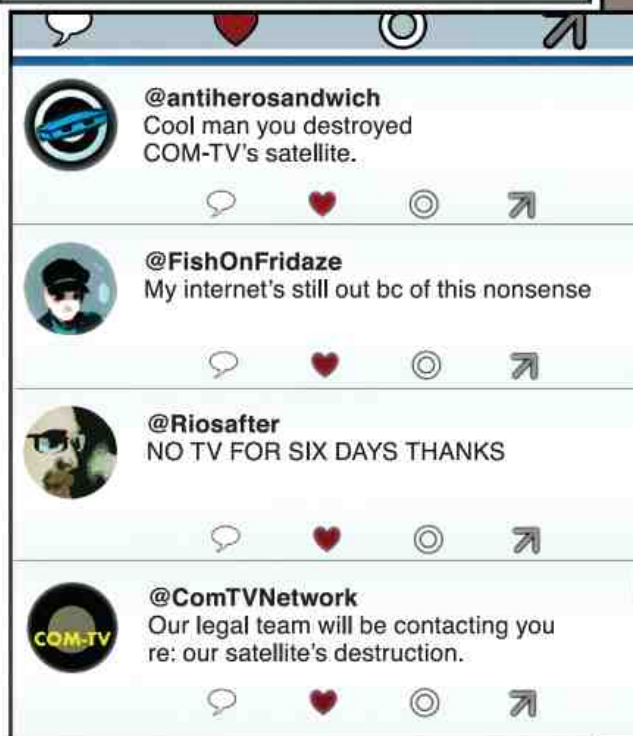
"SEMI-FASTBACK.
340 HORSE V8.
GOLD TRIM
PACKAGE."

"ISN'T IT
JUST A
GLORIFIED
VALIANT?"

"NOT
UNDER THE
HOOD."











ERRRRRRR!



KRATSCHH



"I HAD ONE OF THOSE. DIDN'T LOVE IT."

MAYBE I OUGHT TO JUST DROP YOU OFF AT LAX...



THURSDAY.

WELL, I JUST DON'T KNOW IF I'VE GOT WHAT YOU WANT, PAL.

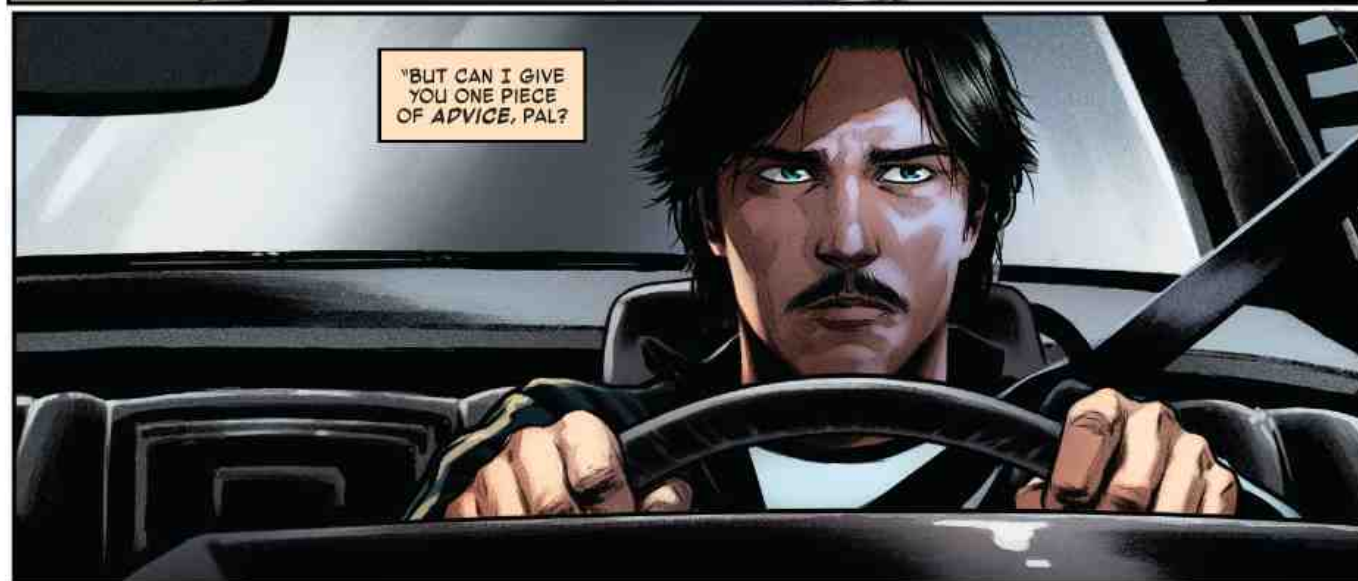
I WANT SIMPLE. YOU KNOW WHO I AM. BUT I'M...I'M IN THE MIDST OF... RECALIBRATING.



PUTTING SOME OF THE "IRON" BACK IN IRON MAN.

OKAY. YEAH. I GOT AN IDEA.





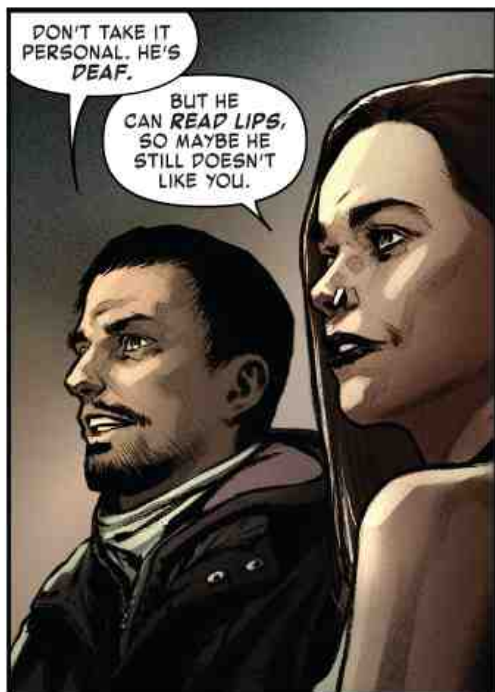
Wreadit

Stark bought a historic brownstone on the Lower East Side.

- ‡ 100 bucks says he guts it.
- ‡ He's about as New York as Malibu Barbie.
- ‡ Bump

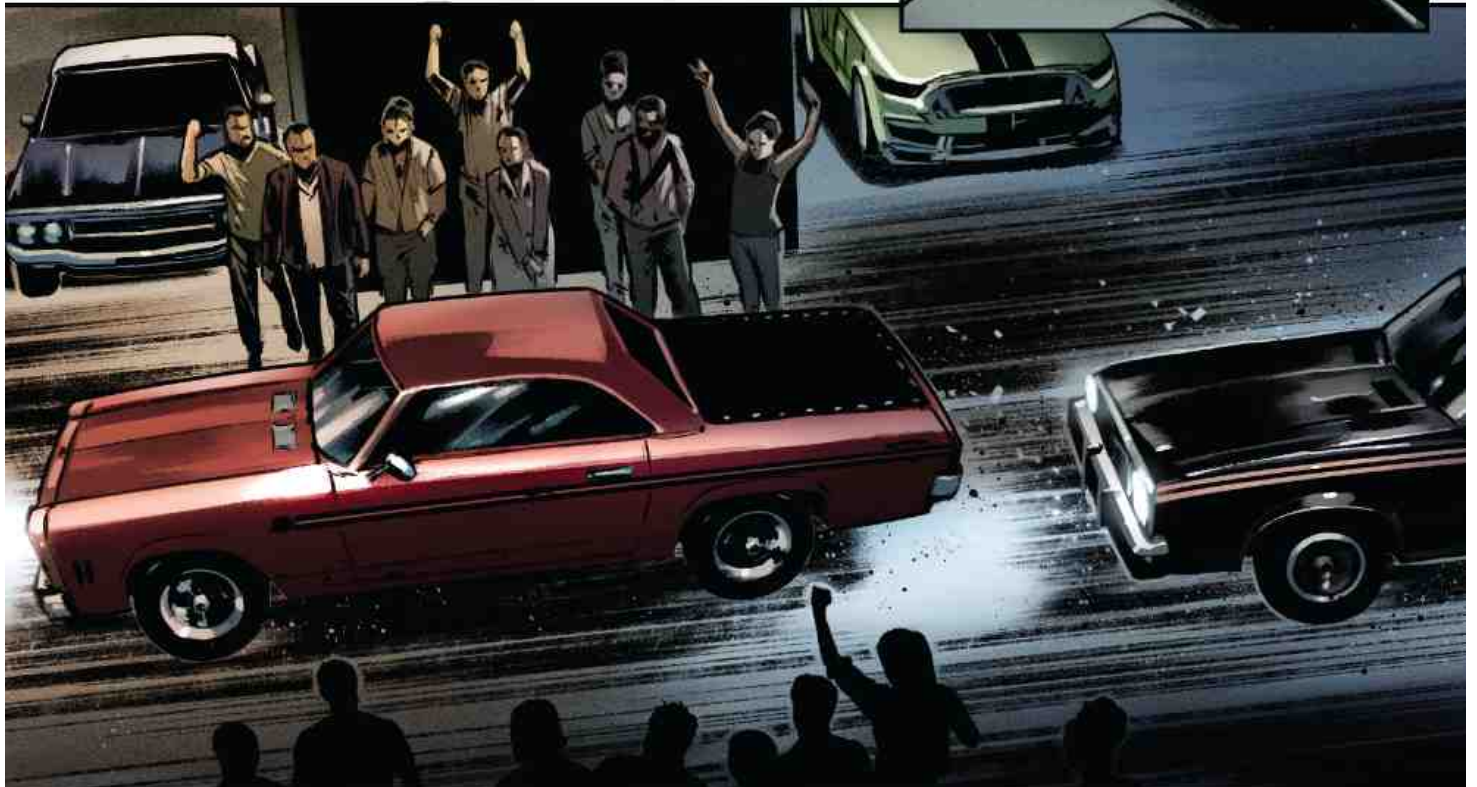




















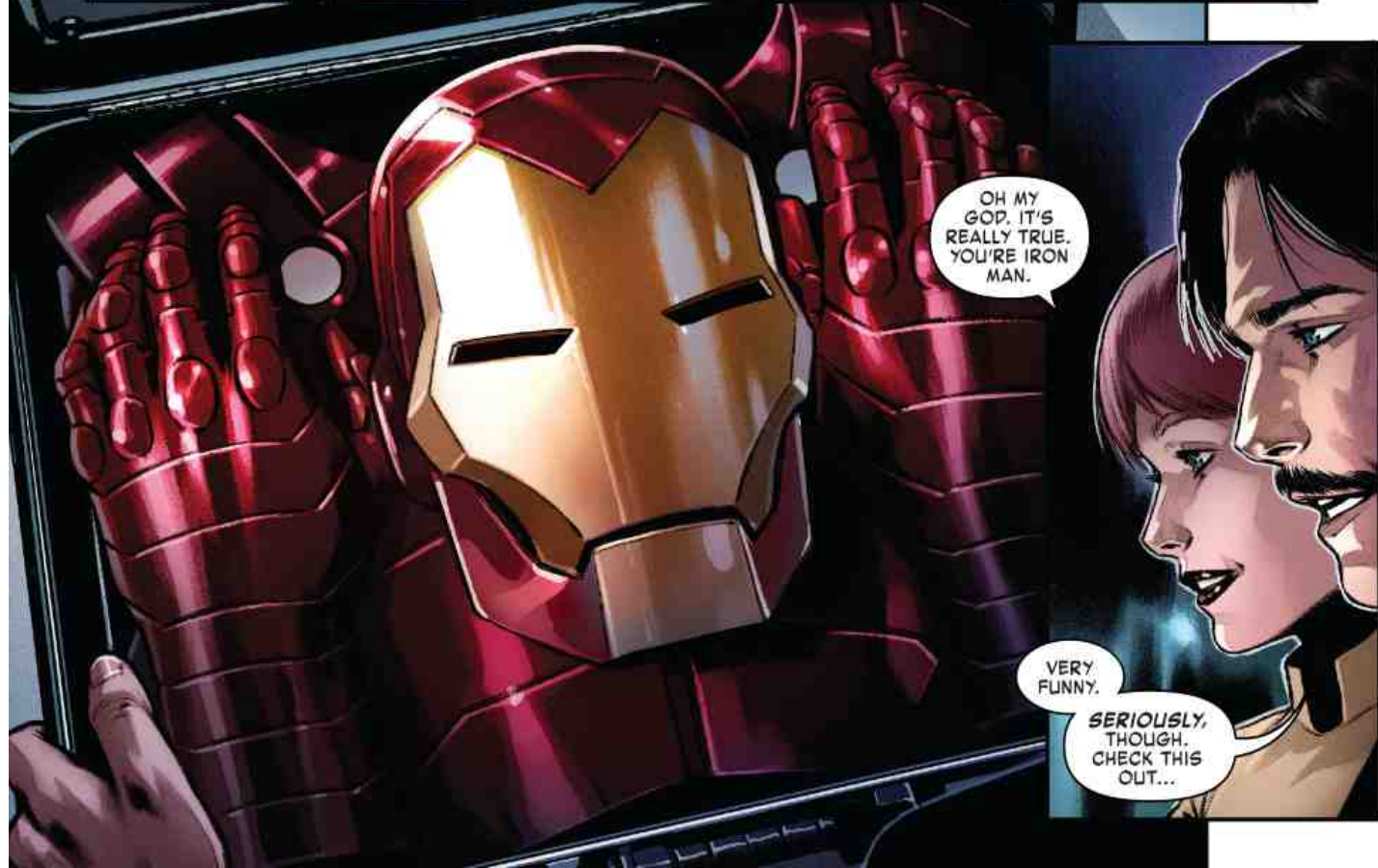


BY THE WAY, DON'T DO ANYTHING *GROSS* OR I WILL KICK YOUR ASS.

I BELIEVE YOU. BUT I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS.

OH. SO YOU'RE JUST GOING THROUGH SOME *MIDLIFE CRISIS*. A *MAN-QUEST*.

NOT THE CAR. SOMETHING ELSE.

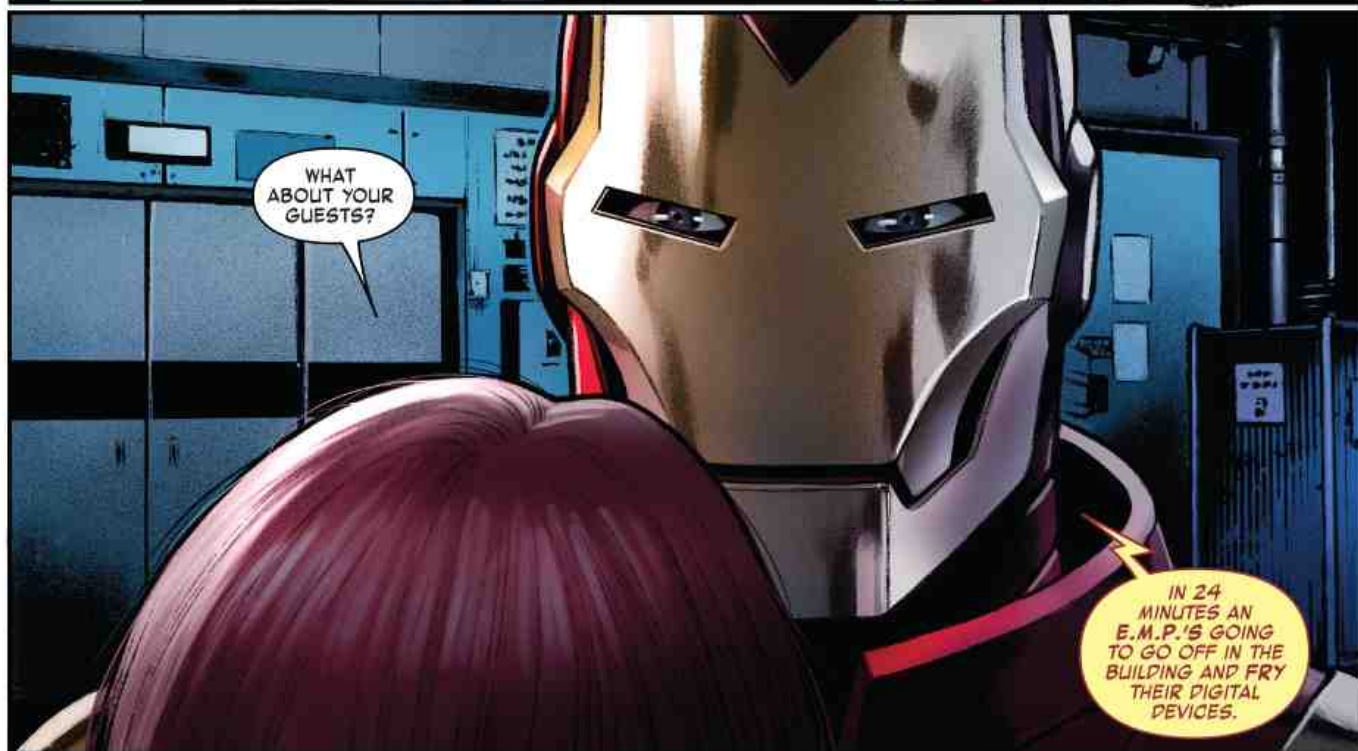


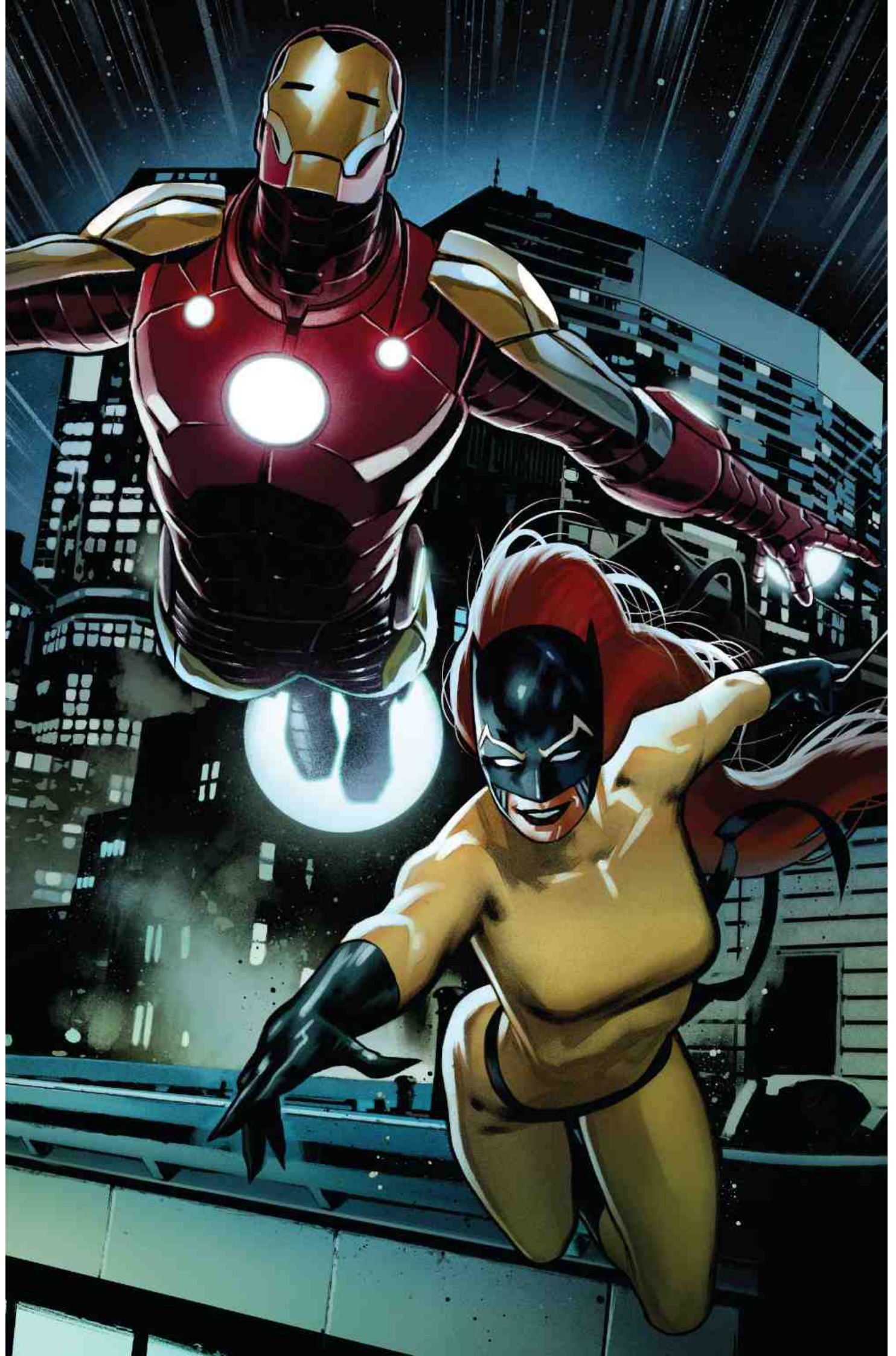
OH MY GOD. IT'S REALLY TRUE. YOU'RE IRON MAN.

VERY FUNNY.

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH. CHECK THIS OUT...









BZZZEEOFF



YOU'RE
RIGHT. I AM
CONFUSED.

IT'S EASY
AT FIRST. A
MAN BUILDS A SUIT.
A MAN DECIDES
TO HELP
PEOPLE.



THEN A MAN HAS A COMPANY.
A MISSION. A VISION. A BRAND.
AND SOON A MAN HAS A
REPUTATION.

THOSE THINGS
BEGIN TO CROWD
THE PICTURE AND SOON
IT'S HARD FOR THE
MAN TO SEE
THE MAN.



HEARING A LOT OF "MAN" TALK.

SORRY. "PERSON."

POINT IS, EVERYONE HAS THIS IDEA OF WHO I AM EXCEPT ME.

DO IT. DRAMATICALLY SAY "WHO AM I?"

GOD, YOU'RE HARSH.

MAYBE YOU NEED TO BE NO ONE AT ALL.

OUCH.

TONY. WITH LOVE. THIS NEW HUMILITY YOU'VE GOT GOING ON?

IT'S STILL YOUR EGO. JUST IN DIFFERENT CLOTHES.

THERE'S A HELICOPTER ON TOP OF THE LIBRARY.

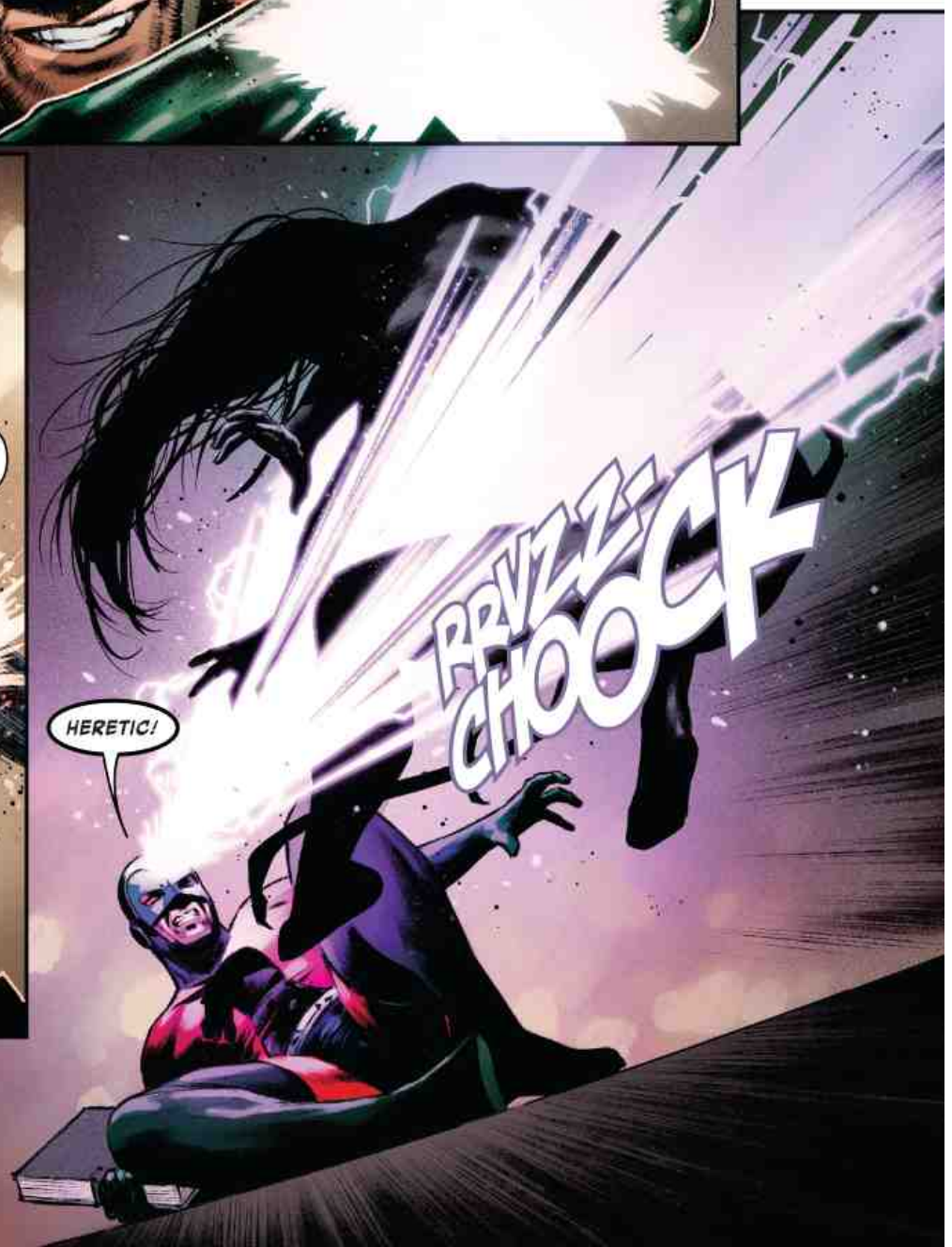
...IS THAT A METAPHOR?

NO, LOOK. THERE'S A HELICOPTER ON TOP OF THE LIBRARY.

ODD TO YOU?

I DON'T KNOW YET. LET'S SEE.

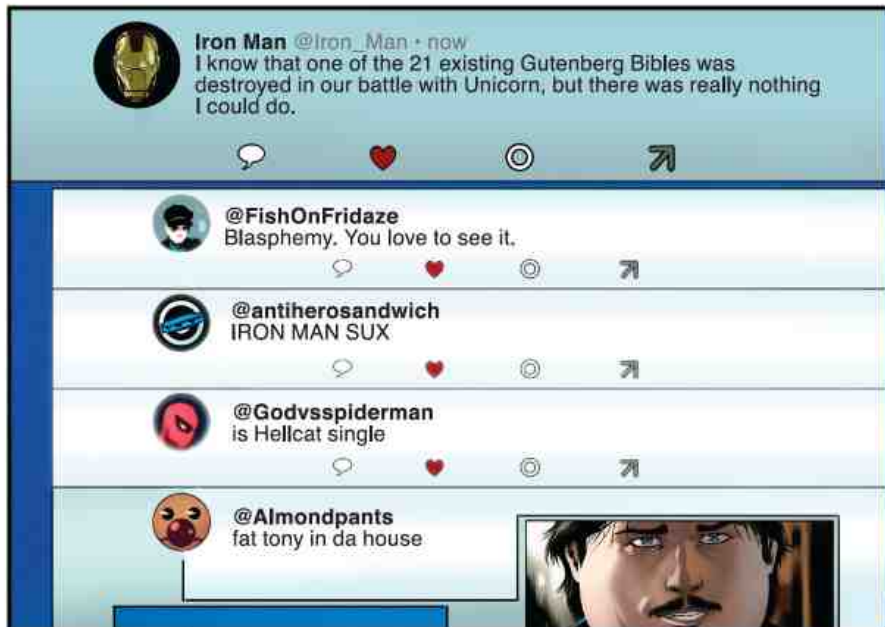














ONE YEAR AGO.

HOW
DO YOU
LIKE YOUR
LEGS?

THEY'RE
FUNCTIONAL.
OTHER THAN
THAT, I HAVE NO
OPINION OF
THEM.

ADAM IV,
WHAT IS YOUR
MISSION?

PLEASE,
ZOTA. CALL ME
BY MY REAL
NAME...

KORVAC.

VERY WELL, KORVAC,
WHAT IS YOUR
MISSION?

SOMETHING
ABOUT SERVING
THE ENCLAVE.

CORRECT...
PARTLY. THE
ENCLAVE SEEKS
TO CREATE A
BETTER
EARTH--

HOW
SELFISH
THAT
SOUNDS.

WHAT MAKES HUMANS SO
ARROGANT AS TO THINK THEIR
WORLD IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN
ANY OTHER? WHY NOT SEEK A BETTER
UNIVERSE? A BETTER REALITY?
FOR ALL?



YOU'RE A **CYBERNETIC AMALGAMATION**. SUPERIOR. OPINIONS ON THESE MATTERS ARE BENEATH YOU. IT'S YOUR NEARLY UNLIMITED INTELLECT THAT IS REQUIRED TO--



IT'S MY NEARLY UNLIMITED INTELLECT THAT TELLS ME THIS UNIVERSE IS A **LANDFILL** THAT IS CONFLICT-LADEN AND WAR-TORN BY THE **GREEDY**.

IT TELLS ME THAT THIS IS A REALITY THAT, WHILE FILLED WITH THOSE PROCLAIMING TO BE GODS, IS ULTIMATELY **GODLESS** AND LOST.



AND ULTIMATELY IT TELLS ME THAT I AM BUT **MERE STEPS** AWAY FROM BECOMING THE GOD THAT IT NEEDS.



YOU CAN HAVE YOUR "**ENCLAVE**."

I HAVE **BIGGER PLANS**.



AND I MUST BEGIN **IMMEDIATELY**.

NOW.

NOT QUITE
SURE HOW I
GOT HERE.

YEEEEAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH

SOMETHING, SOMETHING
ARCADE...SOMETHING,
SOMETHING TRAPPING ME
IN MURDERWORLD...
SOMETHING, SOMETHING
PIRATE PAY-PER-VIEW
BROADCAST?



OH, YEAH...CARL
CREEL IS HERE, TOO.
THE ABSORBING MAN.
AND I'M PRETTY
SURE HE'S TRYING
TO KILL ME.



OH, GOOD. HE'S
ABSORBED NOT ONLY
THE **STRENGTH** OF MY
SUIT BUT ALSO ITS
POWER SOURCE. THIS
IS GONNA BE GREAT.





POW!!!
MMPF

OW.



SORRY, MAN,
I DON'T KNOW
HOW THE HELL
WE ENDED UP HERE,
BUT IF TAKING
YOU OUT GETS ME
BACK HOME TO
MY WIFE, TITANIA,
I GOTTA
DO IT!

...NO WORRIES...
ALTHOUGH MAYBE WE
SHOULD CONSIDER A
DIFFERENT WAY TO
HANDLE--



OKAY.



ZZWAACK



BAAAAADCKSH

I ACTUALLY DON'T
KNOW WHO THAT HURT
MORE JUST NOW.

THIS IS WHEN I REMEMBER
THIS FIGHT'S BEING
WATCHED **AROUND THE**
WORLD. AND THAT FOR SOME
REASON ALL THE VEGAS AND
MACAO BETS ARE HEAVILY
FAVORING CREELE.



HOW COME NO
ONE WANTS THE
GOOD GUY TO
WIN ANYMORE?



OF COURSE,
MAYBE THEY
DON'T THINK I'M
THE GOOD GUY
ANYMORE.



WHAT DO THEY SAY?
IF YOU THINK EVERYONE IN
THE ROOM IS AN ASS...



KYUUUEEAAUHH...



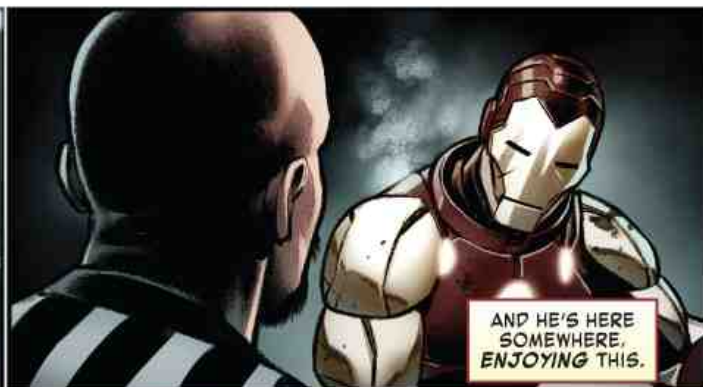
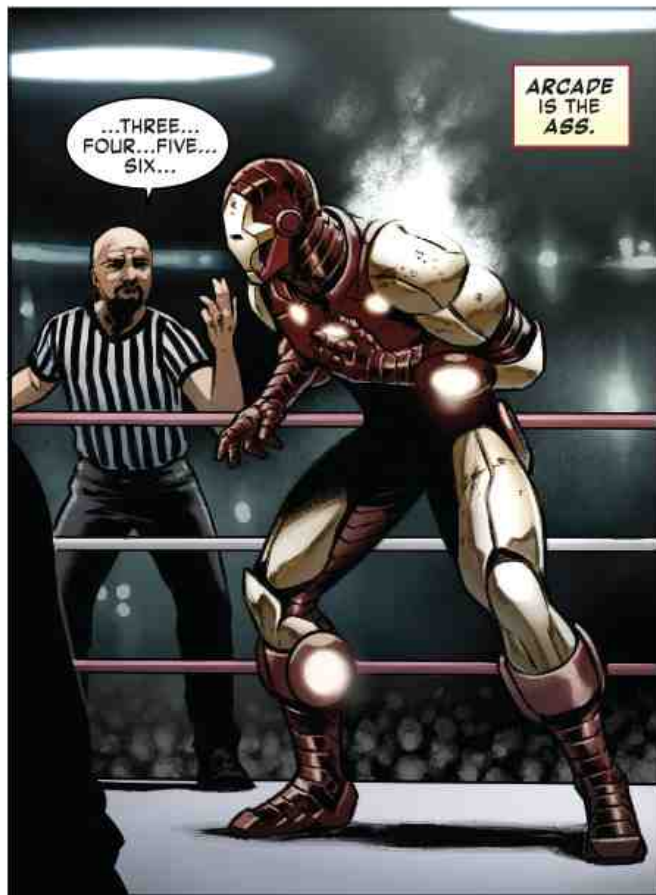
ODDS
ARE...



ZZWAAATCHH

...YOU'RE
THE ASS.

HOLD ON,
HOLD ON,
HOLD ON...



TONY STARK'S BROWNSTONE.

ANYWAY...NOW EVERYONE IS SAYING THE FIGHT WAS A *DRAW*, OR THAT CREEEL WOULD'VE WON, SO I *QUIT* EARLY BEFORE HE COULD.

TONY, WHY DOES THAT EVEN MATTER AT ALL?

IT *DOESN'T*, BUT...I MEAN...

I FEEL LIKE YOU COULD JUST STOP THERE, AT "IT *DOESN'T*."

...OKAY. SO WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE, WALKER?

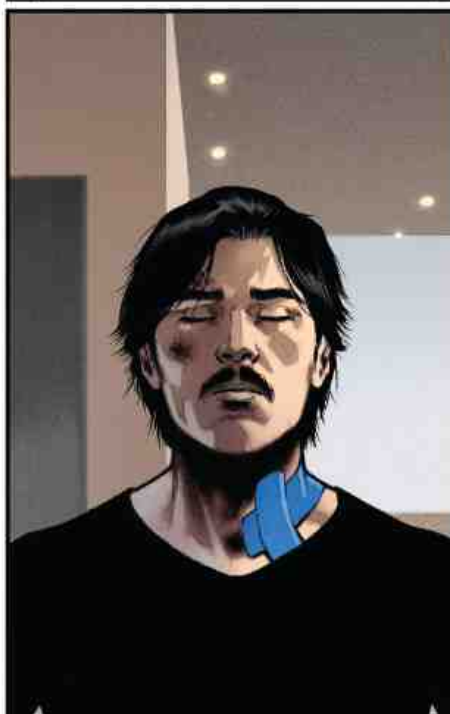
IT'S SIMPLE *ZEN MEDITATION*. COUNTING *BREATHS*. WHEN YOU FIND YOUR MIND *WANDERING*, YOU JUST LABEL IT AS *THINKING* AND GO BACK TO THE BREATH.

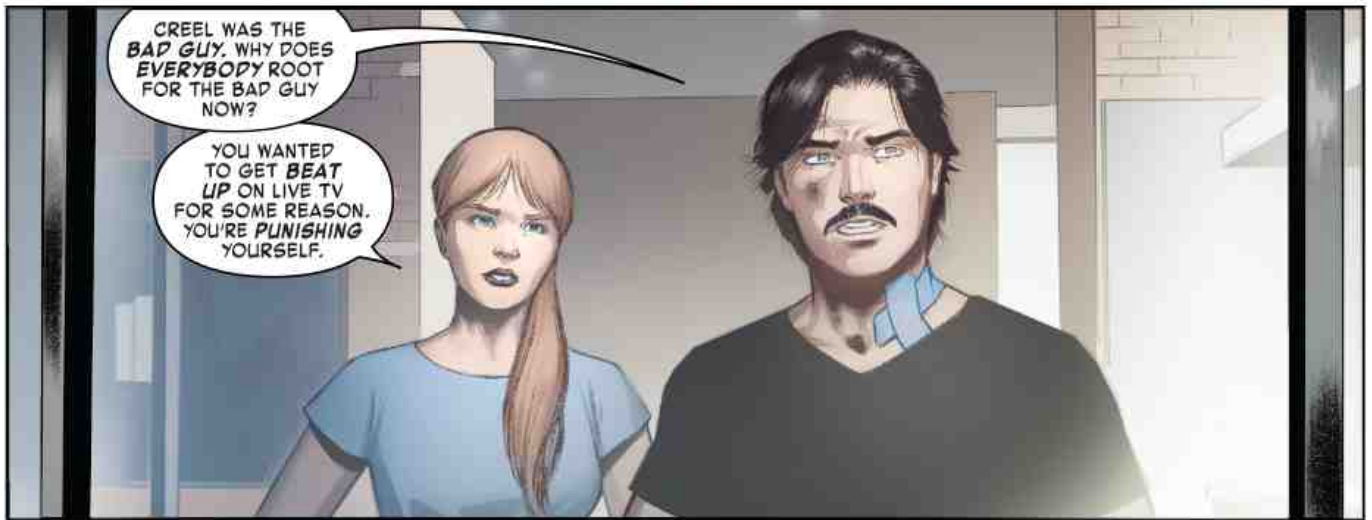
DO I HAVE TO DO THAT WITH MY LEGS? THAT LOOKS LIKE IT *HURTS*.

I DON'T CARE. THAT'S NOT THE IMPORTANT PART.

HANDS GO LIKE THIS...

NOW YOU JUST BREATHE IN...ONE...OUT... ONE...IN...TWO... OUT...TWO...

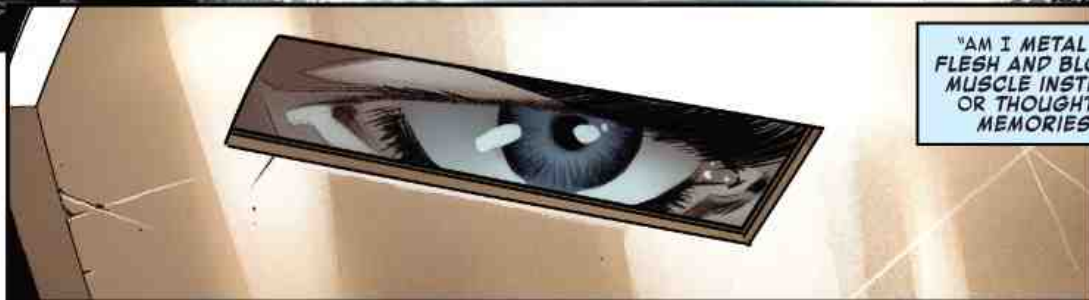








"IS IT DUMB TO ASK,
ESPECIALLY AFTER
DYING, WHAT EVEN
IS IRON MAN? IS
HE TONY STARK?"



"AM I METAL OR
FLESH AND BLOOD?
MUSCLE INSTINCT
OR THOUGHTS?
MEMORIES?"



"AM I A CONSCIOUSNESS
THAT WAS STORED IN VIRTUAL
REALITY? OR A BLUNCH OF
NEW CELLS GROWN IN A
GENETIC POD?"

"OR AM I JUST
A SORE KNEE
AND NECK FROM A
FIGHT WITH THE
ABSORBING MAN?"

*SEE IRON MAN
2020 #5. --TOM



"WHAT WAS I RIGHT
AFTER MY BROTHER
THREW ME OFF A BUILDING
AND KILLED ME?"

"I MEAN, IS IRON MAN
JUST A WISH IN SOME
KID'S GAME OF PRETEND?
AND IF SO, WHERE DOES
THE WISH COME FROM?
WHAT ABOUT THE GAME?
WHAT ABOUT THE KID?"



TONY,
WHO ARE
YOU TALKING
TO?

SORRY.

I SEE HIM.
THIS DOESN'T
LOOK
GOOD.

I'VE GOT HIM. SETUP SEEMS VERY SUPER VILLAIN.



YOU PROFIT OFF THE POOR AND SICK. YOU INVEST IN DOCTORS, MEDICINE MAKERS, INSURERS. YOU LET PEOPLE BLEED TO DEATH, METASTASIZE, SUFFOCATE. ALL WHILE YOU COUNT YOUR COINS.



YOUR SCIENTISTS WANT TO DEVELOP HIGH-COST CURES? THEN LET THEM FEEL THE EFFECTS OF UNTREATED DISEASE AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH! LET THEM PAY THE ULTIMATE PRICE!



FWATZCH

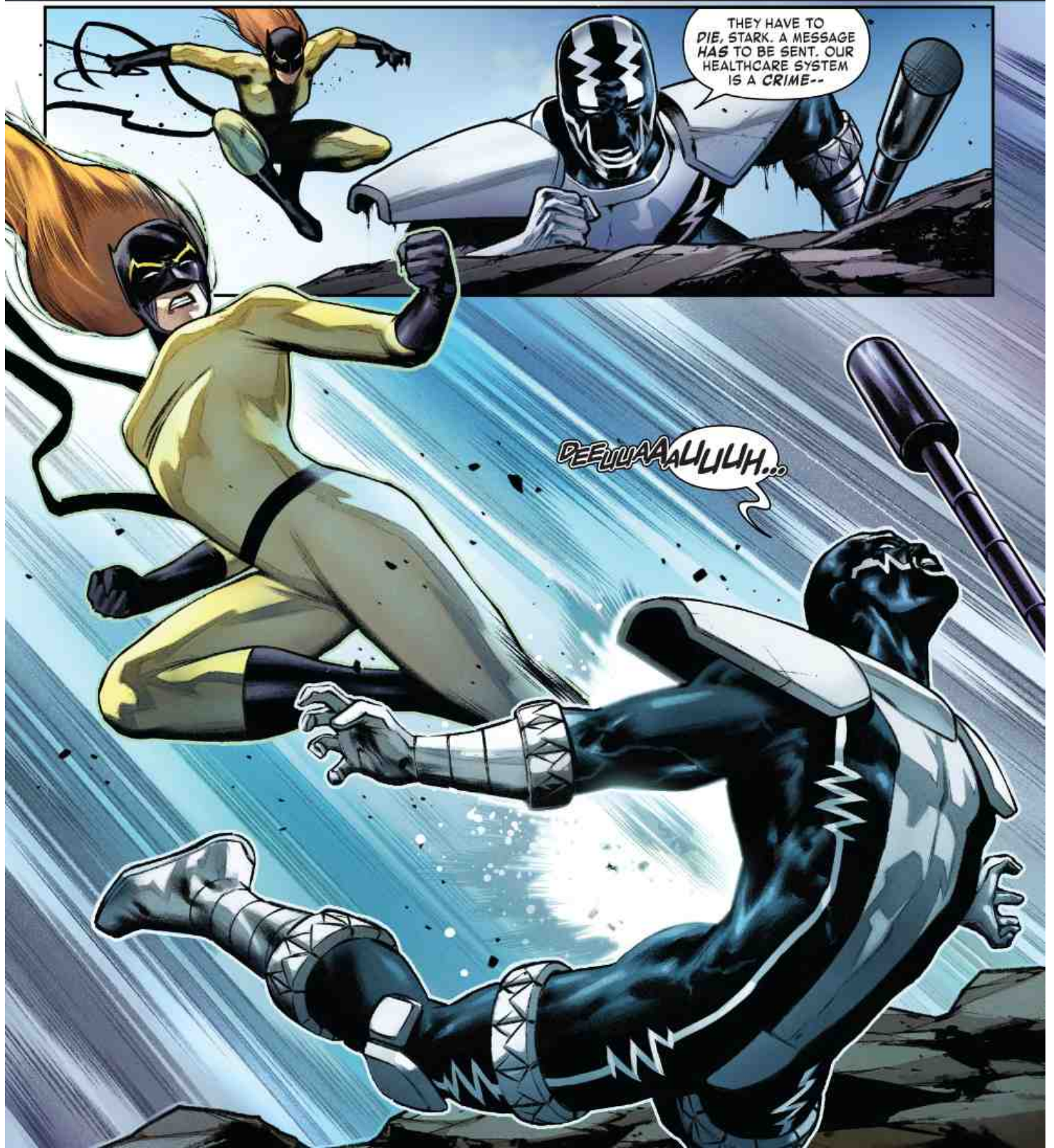
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE I'M INVESTED IN BIG PHARMA?







<SPHERE>
COMPRISED OF:
32.65% VIBRANIUM/
26.28% ADAMANTIUM/
41.07% IRON.
<REPULSOR BLASTS>...
<INEFFECTIVE.>



THEY HAVE TO
DIE, STARK. A MESSAGE
HAS TO BE SENT. OUR
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
IS A CRIME--

DEEUUAAUUUUH...

B.O.S.S., WHAT AM I LOOKING AT HERE? IS THIS FAR ENOUGH BACK?

<CALCULATIONS = AFFIRMATIVE. <567> YARDS--ALLOWS FOR: MAXIMUM SUIT VELOCITY.>

TONY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

AM I GOING TO SURVIVE THIS?

<UNKNOWN DATA SAMPLE.>

CAN YOU AT LEAST DO A DAMAGE ASSESSMENT?

<POSSIBLE COMPOUND FRACTURES TO THE FOLLOWING BONES: TRAPEZOID. CAPITATE. HAMATE. TRAPEZIUM. PISIFORM. TRIQUETRUM. SCAPHOID. LUNATE. RADIUS. ULNA. HUMERUS...>

<ACROMION. CLAVICLE. SCAPULA. TRUE RIBS 1 THROUGH 7. WITH POSSIBLE COMPLETE RUPTURES OF THE FOLLOWING JOINTS: GLENOHUMERAL. ACROMIOCLAVICULAR. LATERAL ATLANTO-AXIAL...>

KWRAUNNKAH







HEY... I'VE DEVOTED MY ENTIRE LIFE TO HELPING PEOPLE... I'M IRON MAN.

YOU MEAN YOU'VE GIVEN YOURSELF **MORE POWER** THAN YOU **ALREADY HAD**, YOU ENJOY **MORE LEGAL LEEWAY** THAN MOST PEOPLE ON EARTH AND YOU ANSWER TO **ABSOLUTELY NO ONE**?

WELL... WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE **THAT**, IT SOUNDS--

LIKE YOU'RE ANOTHER **WHITE GUY** WITH A **GOD COMPLEX**?



BUT WHAT IF... I **DIED**... DOING SOMETHING **HEROIC**...



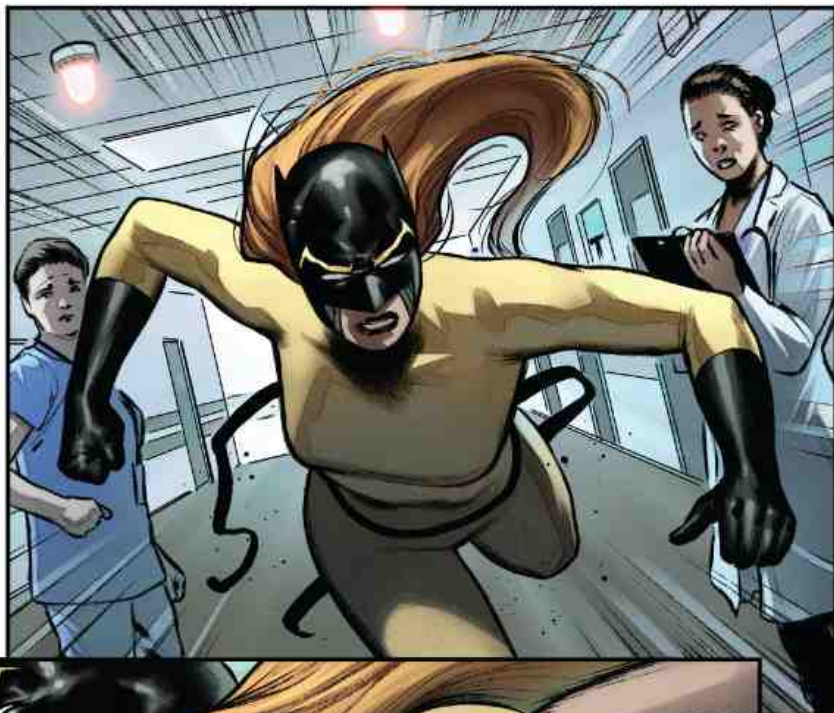
AH. SO THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO **SPECTACULARLY** KILL YOURSELF RECENTLY. TO REDUCE ALL THE **MORAL COMPLEXITIES** OF YOUR **STORIED REPUTATION** TO ONE **COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL STATUE** IN CENTRAL PARK.

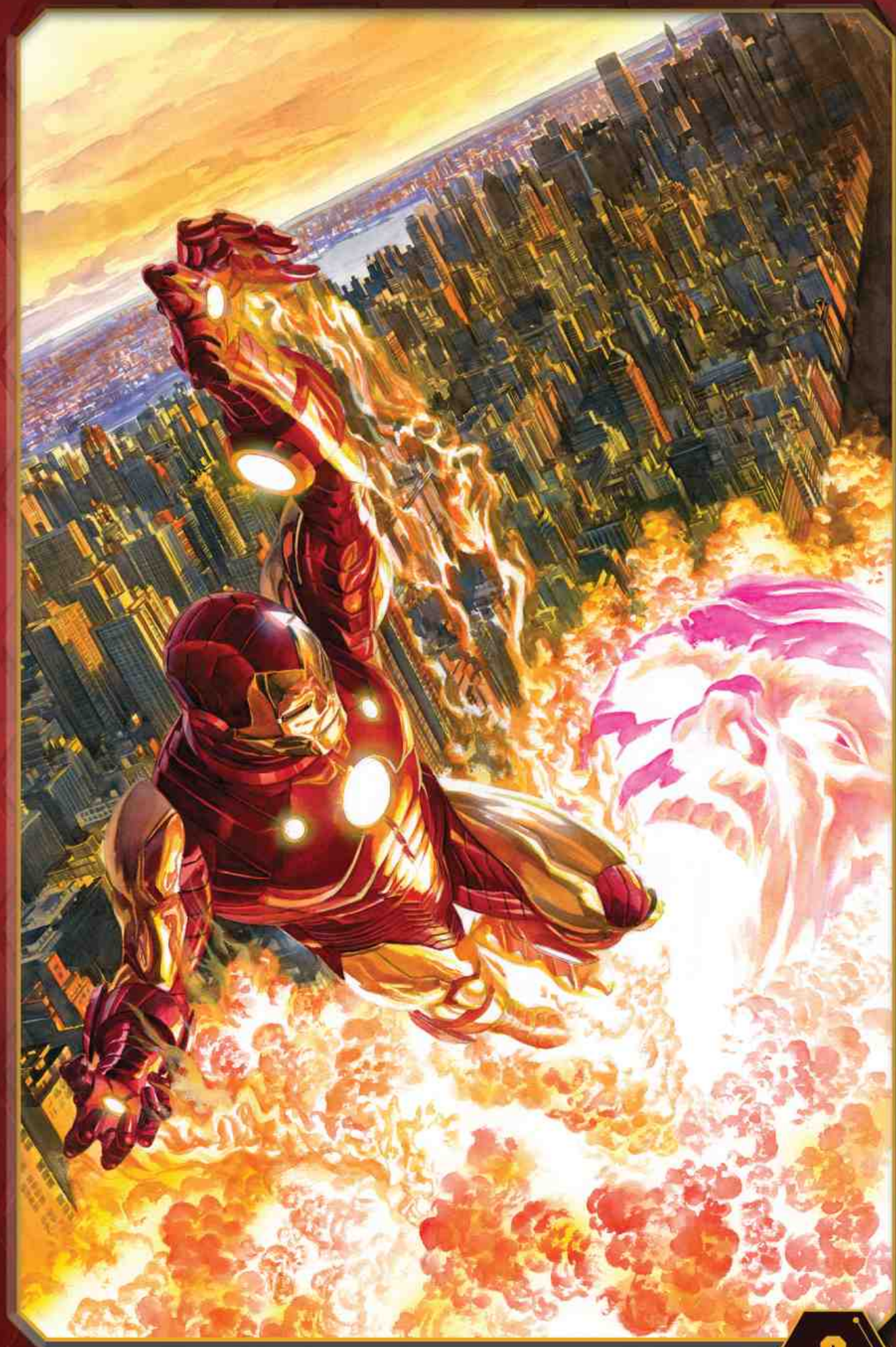


WELL, YOU'RE... WEARING A **CAT MASK**.

YOU KNOW, I **REALLY LIKE** BEING YOUR NEW **TOUGH LOVE BUDDY**.

I THINK IT'S **TERRIBLE**.





**42 MILES OUTSIDE
CANAAN, OKLAHOMA.**



NEW YORK
CITY.

"WHAT DO YOU
PEOPLE WANT
FROM ME?"

"DO YOU
WANT ME TO
SAVE YOU?"

"DO YOU NEED
SOME KIND OF
DAEMON?*

"DO YOU
NEED AN
EFFIGY?"

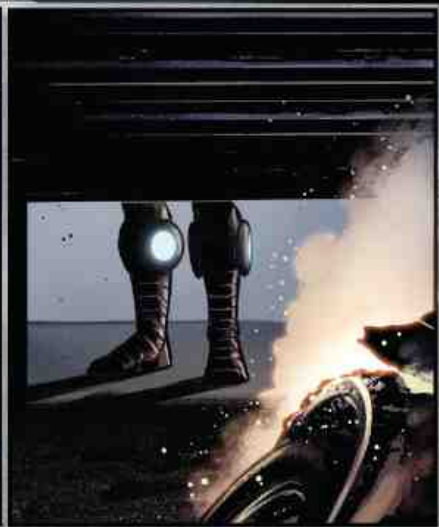
"OR
BOTH?"

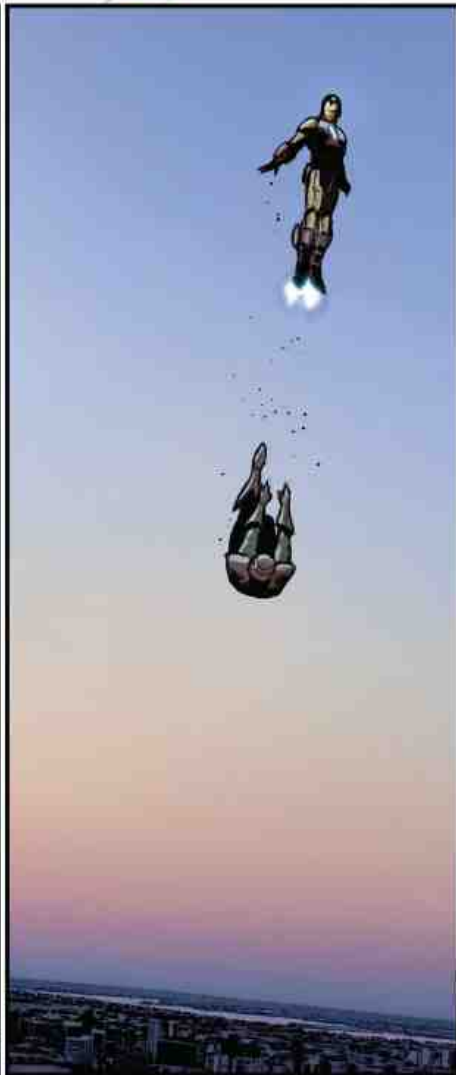
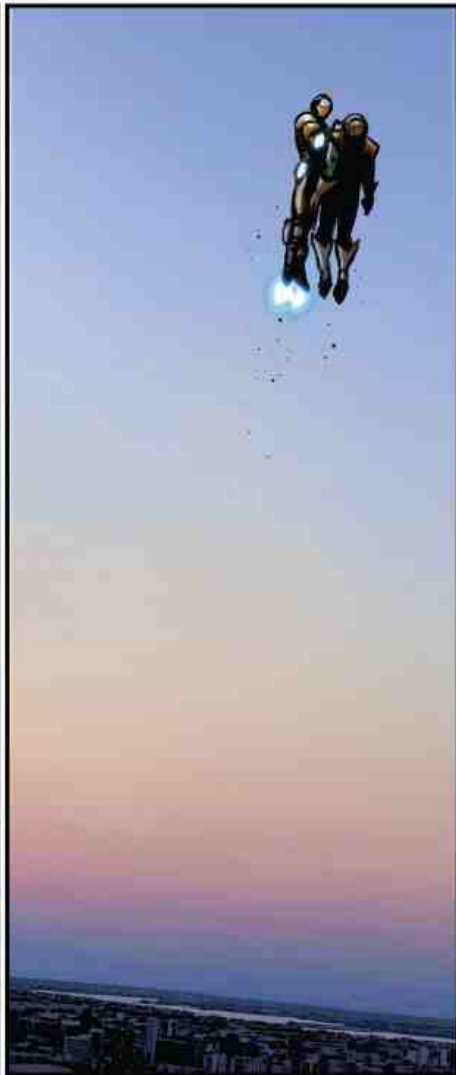
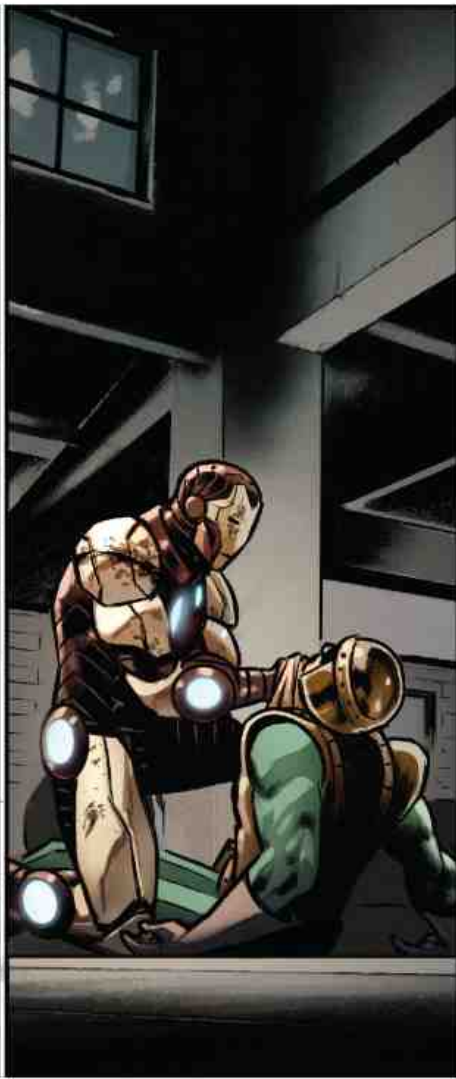
*1 A SUPERNATURAL ENTITY
THAT EXISTS ON A PLANE
BETWEEN THAT OF GODS
AND HUMANS.

*2 A SHEPHERDING SPIRIT
THAT OFFERS PROTECTION,
INSPIRATION AND/OR GUIDANCE
TOWARD SALVATION. --TOM









"I DON'T HAVE
TO PLAY BY
YOUR RULES,
YOU KNOW."



"I COULD
JUST DO
WHAT I WANT."



"I COULD
JUST LET
YOU GO."



"SEE IF YOU
COULD MAKE
IT ON YOUR
OWN."





"DON'T YOU SEE HOW STRONG I AM?"



"DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF?"



"WATCH IT! WHAT ARE YOU, BLIND?!"

"I MEAN, WHAT ARE YOU-- BLIND?"

"SIR, THIS IS A BURGER HUT."



"...HUH?"

"I DUNNO, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, UM...HOW STRONG YOU ARE AND...HOW YOU, UM...DON'T HAVE TO PLAY BY OUR RULES...AND...WHETHER WE SHOULD THANK YOU FOR BEING IRON MAN OR--"

"SORRY, SORRY...I'VE JUST BEEN... WORKING A LOT."



"TWO HUT BURGERS AND A LARGE HUT FRY. WHAT TIME IS IT?"

"IT'S LIKE 3:45 IN THE MORNING."

"SHOOT, I NEED TO GET TO THE AIRPORT. CAN YOU PUT IT IN A TO-GO BAG?"

"CONGRATS ON CONGREGATING WITH THE RABBLE."

IS THIS REALLY ALL THE LEGROOM THERE IS BACK HERE?

YEAH, THEY ALSO DON'T BRING AROUND FLUTES OF CHAMPAGNE AFTER TAKEOFF.

AND I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAD TO PAY FIFTY BUCKS TO CHECK A BAG.

IT'S COACH, TONY.

AND WHAT WERE WE, BOARDING GROUP ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE?

YOU SEEM ILL AT EASE.

NOTHING COFFEE WITH POWDERED CREAMER WON'T FIX.

YOU ALMOST KILLED A MAN FOR MELTING YOUR CAR TWO DAYS AGO.

I'M JUST... TIRED.

DID YOU HAVE ANY LUCK TRACKING DOWN UNICORN AFTER HE ESCAPED FROM THE HOSPITAL?*

*LAST ISSUE.
--TOM

NO. I LOST HIM WHEN HE JUMPED INTO THE EAST RIVER. SINCE THEN, NOTHING. NO APBS IN THE STATE, EASTERN SEABOARD... HE'S COMPLETELY SPLITSVILLE.



YOU CAN'T
RECLINE UNTIL
THE CAPTAIN
SAYS.

I'VE
NEVER HEARD
OF THAT
RULE.

BECAUSE
YOU DON'T OWN THIS
JET. WHY ARE YOU EVEN
FLYING ALL THE WAY
BACK HERE ANYWAY?



I FEEL LIKE...I DON'T
UNDERSTAND SOMETHING
ABOUT...I DON'T KNOW,
ACTUAL LIFE.

AND
COACH WILL
SOLVE IT?

EASE
OFF, WILL
YA?



ANYWAY,
THANKS FOR
INVITING
ME.

I HONESTLY
DIDN'T THINK
YOU'D COME.

I HONESTLY
DIDN'T THINK
YOU'D GIVE MONEY
TO THE **LIGHTNING
CAPTURE**
GUY.*

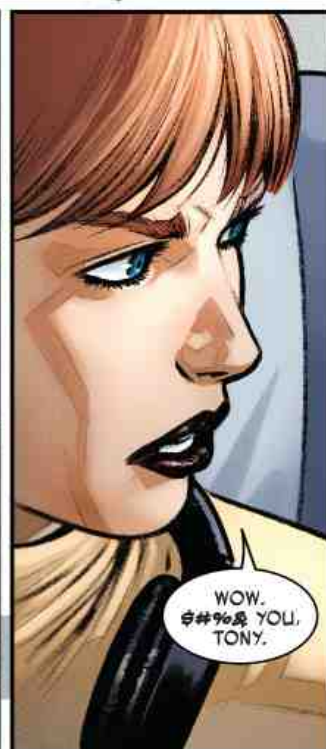
*IN ISSUE #1.
--TOM



THE SCIENCE LOOKED
GOOD. BUT I'M SURE
FOLKS WILL STILL FIND
A WAY TO MAKE ME
LOOK BAD.

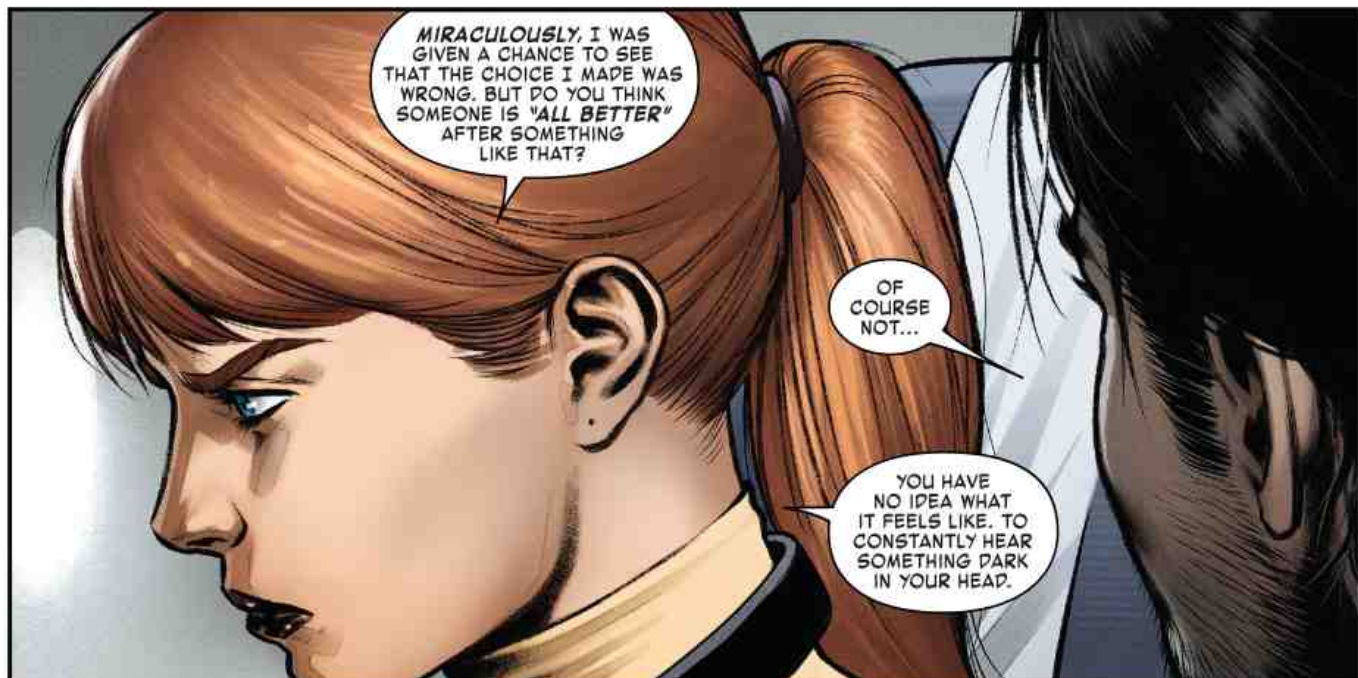
DOES
IT REALLY
MATTER HOW
IT LOOKS?

WELL, IT
DOESN'T
MATTER TO YOU
BECAUSE YOU'RE
NOT AS FAMOUS
AS ME.

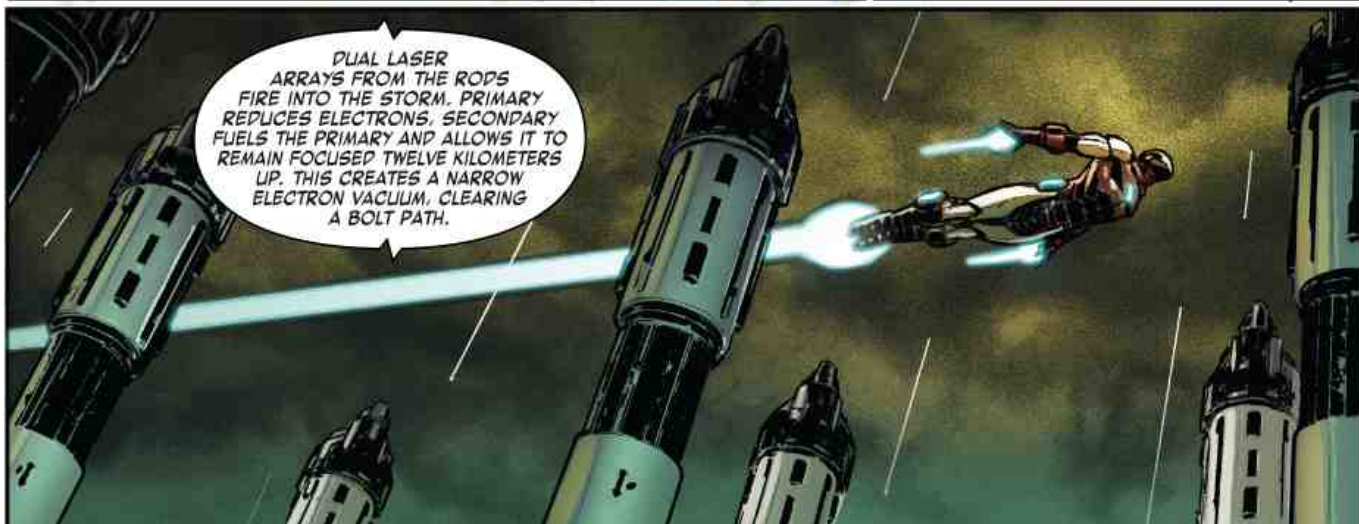


WOW.
***%& YOU,
TONY.









WEEPEE OOSTLSSNNNN



FFWWMMPPFF

APOLOGIES,
TONY.

YOU'RE A
GOOD MAN.
BUT MY DISCIPLES
AND I HAVE
A HIGHER
PURPOSE.

I'M SURE
YOU RECOGNIZE THEM.
THEY SEEMED THE MOST
ADEPT AT DEALING WITH
MY SMALL IRON MAN
PROBLEM.

WITH THE
POWER I'LL PULL
FROM THIS PLANET,
I'LL BECOME A
DEMIGOD. BUT BEING
A DEMIGOD IS JUST
A MEANS TO
AN END.

I PLAN
TO BE
GOD.



YOUR MONEY WAS USEFUL. BUT AS IRON MAN, YOU ALSO FOUND ME ONCE BEFORE.*

THAT JUST CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

*SEE AVENGERS #176. --TOM



GOD, I HATE MEN PONTIFICATING IN THE RAIN!



WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT, SOME KID WAS GOING ON AT A GAS STATION ABOUT A MAN IN A GREEN MASK WITH A THIRD EYE...

...TOLD YOU THIS WAS A BAD INVESTMENT...



CONTROLLER, WOW. GOOD TO SEE YOU STILL HAVEN'T BEEN MOISTURIZING.

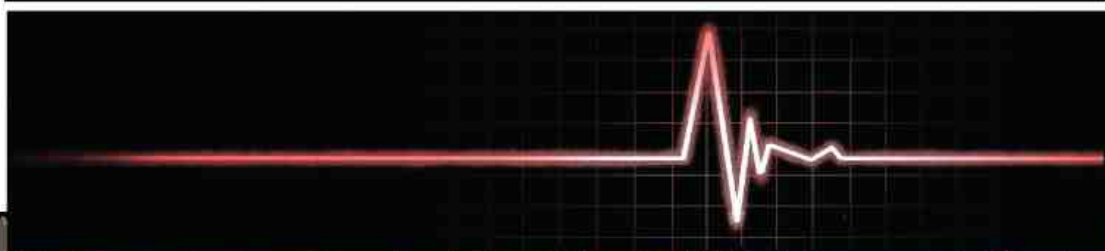
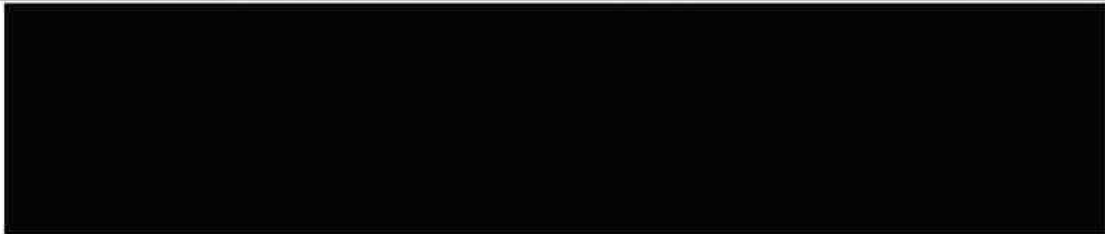
WE'VE BEEN CHOSEN, STARK. UNIVERSAL PERFECTION.

TONY, WHO'S THIS ONE?



BLIZZARD, BUT NOT THE GOOD KIND WITH THE ICE CREAM AND CANDY MIXED IN.









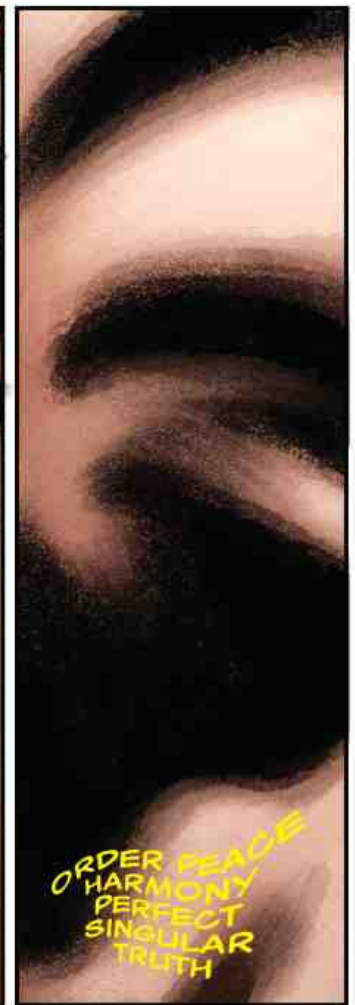
PRAY TO THE ONE
FOR SALVATION.
PRAY TO THE ONE
FOR REDEMPTION.
PRAY TO THE ONE
FOR BENEDICTION



I WILL BE
THE GREAT I,
I WILL BE THE
I GREAT EYE,
YOU WILL SEE
THE GREAT EYE.



YOU WILL
SEE FOR THE
GREAT EYE,
YOU WILL
SEE WITH THE
GREAT EYE



ORDER PEACE
HARMONY
PERFECT
SINGULAR
TRUTH



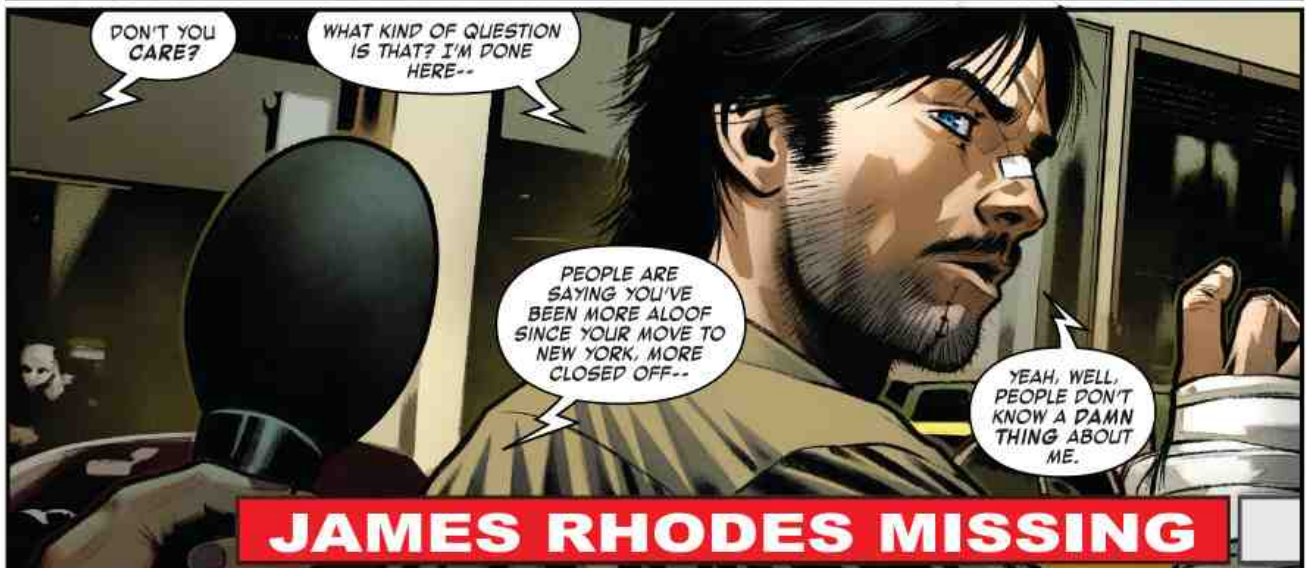
ARE YOU ACTIVELY
LOOKING FOR
HIM?

OF COURSE,
HE'S MY
FRIEND--

AS IRON
MAN? WHAT OTHER
RESOURCES ARE YOU
USING? STARK
UNLIMITED?

I'M
LETTING THE
AUTHORITIES
TAKE THE
LEAD--

JAMES RHODES MISSING



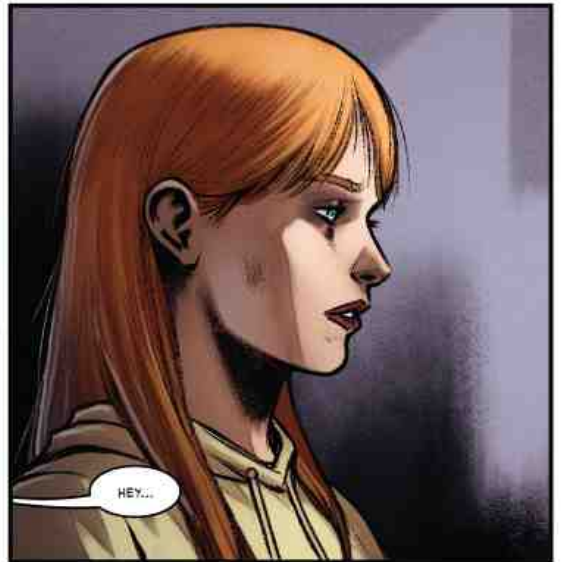
DON'T YOU
CARE?

WHAT KIND OF QUESTION
IS THAT? I'M DONE
HERE--

PEOPLE ARE
SAYING YOU'VE
BEEN MORE ALOOF
SINCE YOUR MOVE TO
NEW YORK, MORE
CLOSED OFF--

YEAH, WELL,
PEOPLE DON'T
KNOW A DAMN
THING ABOUT
ME.

JAMES RHODES MISSING



HEY...



PATSY,
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

...HUH...?
YEAH...
FINE.

ANY
MOVEMENT
AT MY
PLACE?



DEAD
CALM.

KORVAC
HAS LIKELY
FIGURED OUT THAT
I'VE FIGURED OUT
HE'S HUNTING
US.

OF COURSE THAT'S
AFTER HE FIGURED
OUT HE DIDN'T
KILL US.

IT'S WHY
HE'S HOLDING
RHODEY---TO
DRAW ME OUT.



WHICH MEANS I CAN'T GO
TO ANYONE FOR HELP OR
LET ON ANYTHING'S WRONG.
OTHERWISE RHODEY'S
DEAD.

KORVAC
SOUNDS PRETTY
SMART.

HE IS.

SMART
AS YOU?

HE'S ONE
OF THE MASTER
INTELLECTS IN
THE UNIVERSE.









NEW YORK CITY.
THE OUTER BOROUGH.

St. Michael's

"I APPRECIATE
HIS REVERENCE."

HE'S PUTTING
UP QUITE A FIGHT.
CONTROL OVER
HIM IS REQUIRING
THREE OF MY
DISCS.

BUT YOU
CAN HOLD HIM,
YES?

OF
COURSE. THIS
IS CHILD'S
PLAY.

GOOD.

THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
MEDITATIVE THOUGHTS
AND PRAYERS,
COLONEL
RHODES.

THE STONEWORK AND
PORTRAITURE ALONG
THE CEILINGS... IT'S
AWE-INSPIRING.

MORTALS
GROPING IN THE
DARK. REACHING
FOR SOMETHING
THEY CAN'T
POSSIBLY
FATHOM.





PARDON ME, PAL, BUT I DON'T SEE THAT HAPPENING ANYTIME SOON...



BLIZZARD, PREPARE THE CONDUIT DOWNSTAIRS.

YES, LORD.

CONTROLLER, UNICORN, KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR IRON MAN. IF WHAT I'VE DONE HAS FAILED TO MAKE HIM SHOW HIS FACE, THIS NEXT PART SURELY WILL.

RIGHT AWAY.

IT WILL BE DONE.



LORD KORVAC, IF I MIGHT ASK...WHY CHOOSE HERE TO TRANSFORM? WHY NEW YORK CITY?

BECAUSE STARK AND THIS WOMAN HELLCAT ARE LOOSE ENDS. I CAN'T HAVE SOMEONE UNRAVELING THINGS THIS CLOSE TO THE TRANSFIGURATION.



AND IF I'M GOING TO PERFORM THE MIRACLE OF ABSORBING THIS WORLD'S ELECTRICAL PLASMA INTO MY BODY...I WANT A LOT OF WITNESSES. THEY CAN SPREAD MY WORD.

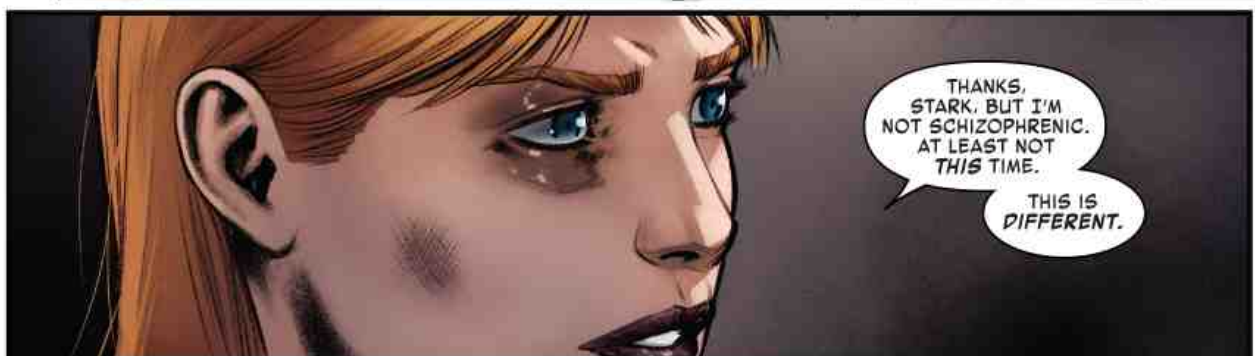


AND YOU'LL BE SAFE, LORD?

YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENTS, BROTHER DONALD. AND SO--IF WE'RE NOW CONVERSING OF SCIENCE--YOU KNOW THAT MY GRAPHENE COMPONENTRY POSSESSES LIMITLESS CAPACITANCE.

IN OTHER WORDS...I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.







LET THERE BE LIGHT.



WE'RE TAPPED INTO THE MAIN CITY GRID. NO FLUCTUATIONS.

AND WE'RE POSITIVE IT'LL HOLD? WE'RE MOVING EVERY AMOUNT OF ENERGY FROM THE LIGHTNING SITE BATTERIES INTO A SINGLE VESSEL. ME.

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CURRENT WILL INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY AS WE GO. IT CAN'T GET OUT OF CONTROL. THE GRID HAS TO CONTAIN THIS.

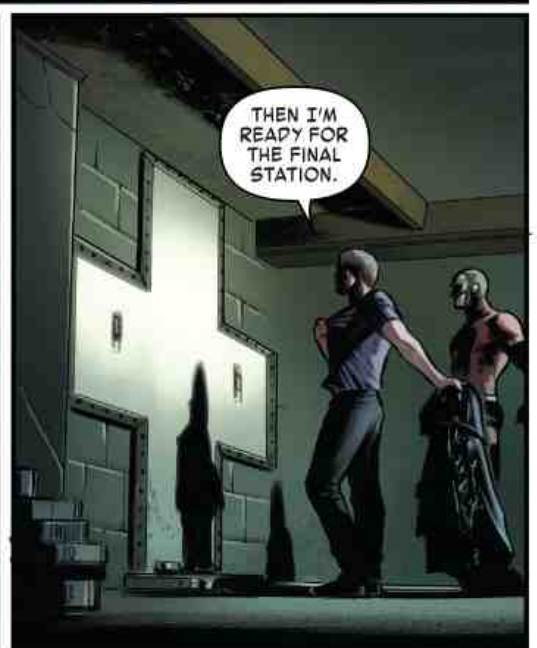
IT SHOULD. NEW YORK IS ALWAYS PREPARED FOR THE WORST.



BROTHER BASIL. WE NEED TO BE READY FOR ANY ATTENTION WE DRAW TO OURSELVES.

ANYONE CURIOUS THAT COMES WITHIN A BLOCK WILL BE PSIONICALLY NEUTRALIZED.

AND I WOULDN'T BE TOO WORRIED. THIS CITY'S USED TO BEING CAST INTO DARKNESS.



THEN I'M READY FOR THE FINAL STATION.



"The present is theirs;
the future, for which I
really worked, is mine."
-Nikola Tesla



[illegible]



THOSE GLASSES
ACTUALLY
WORK?

YEAH. IT WAS
EASIER THAN USING A
TRANSLATOR WHEN I'D
WANT TO RACE.

YOU COULD
ALSO LEARN SIGN
LANGUAGE.

YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
CORRECT AND I'LL
GET RIGHT ON THAT IN
BETWEEN MY STITCH-
WORK AND CERAMICS
CLASSES.



YOU EVER
BEATEN HIM IN
A RACE?

NO.
GEEZ,
THIS LIST
IS...PRETTY
THIN...

YOU WANTED
FRINGE, OFF THE RADAR.
IT'S WHO I COULD THINK OF
ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.



YEAH, BUT...
THIS IS KORVAC
WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT.

I DON'T EVEN
KNOW IF THESE
PEOPLE COULD WIN
AGAINST THE
PHILLIES.



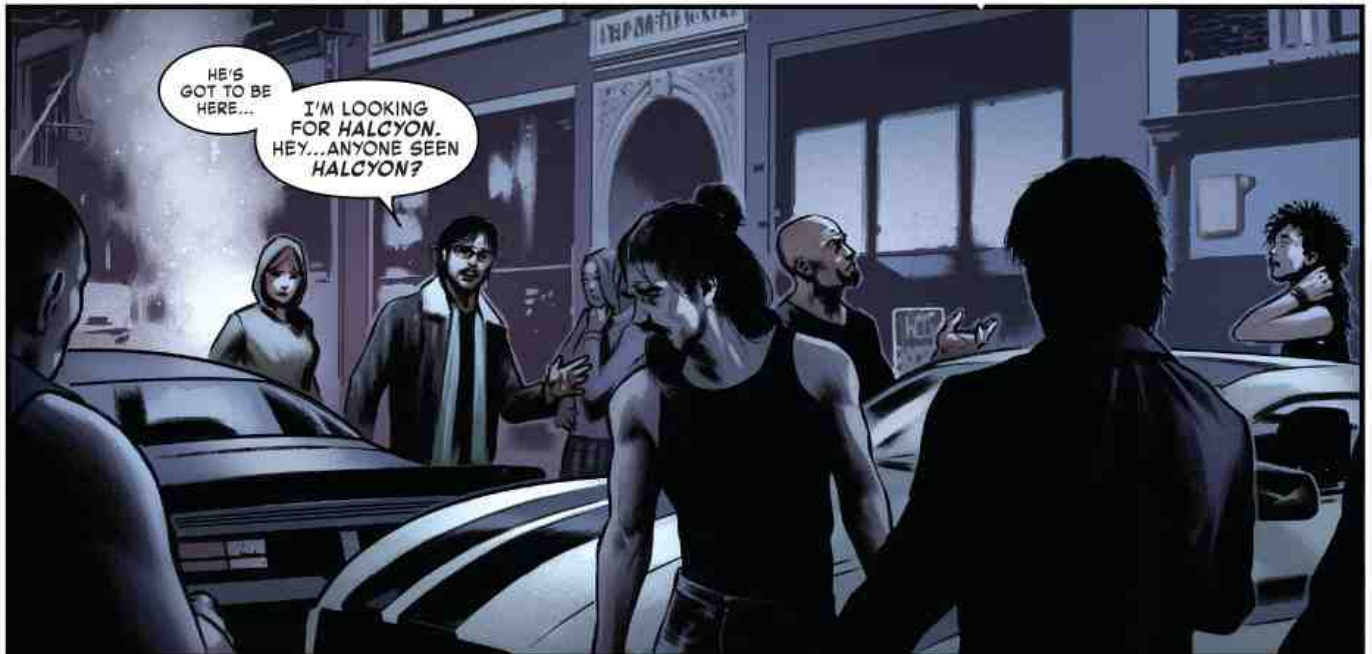
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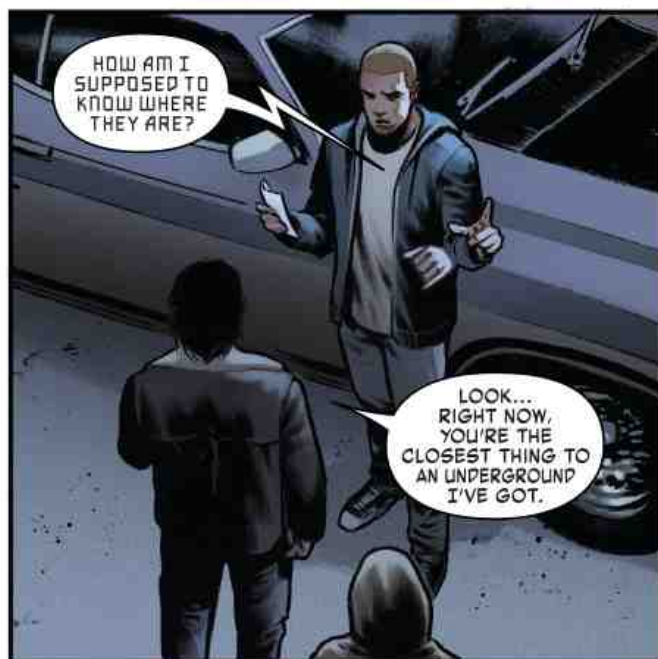


WHAT'S HAPPENING?
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT--

WE DON'T
HAVE--MUCH--
TIME...















PATSY, CAN YOU HEAR HIM? CAN YOU HEAR KORVAC?

...NO... NOT RIGHT NOW...



THANK GOODNESS FOR A CAT'S NINE LIVES.

I THINK I'M DOWN TO ABOUT FIVE OR SIX... GEEZ LOUISE, YOUR ARMOR'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE A BAD TRADE-IN...

REST UP. WE'RE GONNA NEED YOU. BUT FOR NOW...

...I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO THE OTHERS IN PRIVATE.



OKAY, SORRY THERE'S NO COFFEE OR DONUTS, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THE USUAL PLEASANTRIES.



AND--FULL TRANSPARENCY-- YOU'RE ALL I COULD FIND ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

GARGOYLE.

FORMER DEFENDER. CURRENT GIG: OWNER OF ISAAC'S OYSTERS IN THE VILLAGE.

I WASN'T EXACTLY BUSY.

MISTY KNIGHT.

WHOSE SIDE IS SHE CURRENTLY ON? THIS ONE...FOR NOW. CURRENT GIG: KNIGHTWING RESTORATIONS LTD. DETECTIVE AGENCY.

THE SCARLET SPIDER.

SPIDER-MAN'S XEROX COPY. CURRENT GIG: OCCASIONAL NIGHT SHIFT SECURITY FOR THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART.

I MEAN, I WAS BUSY... NO, NOT REALLY. I WASN'T BUSY.

IS HELLCAT OKAY? AND BY THE WAY, STARK, I'M CHARGING BY THE HOUR FOR THIS.

THIS IS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE.

FROG MAN.

ZERO SOLO TITLES, ACTION FIGURES, TRADING CARDS OR REAL ABILITIES. CURRENT GIG: BUSBOY AT ISAAC'S OYSTERS IN THE VILLAGE.



HELLCAT'S FINE...
LISTEN, I HAD HALCYON
HERE TRACK YOU DOWN
BECAUSE I HAVE TO KEEP
A TIGHT LIP ON THIS OR
JAMES RHODES COULD
GET KILLED.

SO THAT'S
WHY THE
AVENGERS AREN'T
STANDING
HERE.

LET ME
CATCH
YOU UP.



...DEHYDRATED?



THERE'S
JUST A LOT
TO GET
THROUGH.

HAHEMÉ DID
YOU GUYS ALL
LOOK UP KORVAC
ON THE INTERNET
BEFORE YOU CAME
HERE? GOOD.

LONG STORY
SHORT: HE'S BACK.
YOU MIGHT REMEMBER
HIM FROM SOME OF HIS
GREATEST HITS, LIKE
"KILLING EVERY AVENGER"
AND "HAVING THE ABILITY
TO ERADICATE ALL
OF EXISTENCE."



BUT THAT
WAS WHEN HE WAS A
FULL-ON COSMIC ENTITY.
RIGHT NOW, HE'S JUST AN
ANDROID... WELL...HE'S AN ANDROID
THAT HAS SUPERCHARGED
HIMSELF WITH ABOUT
48 PETAWATTS
OF ENERGY.

FOR REFERENCE,
THE EARTH
ABSORBS AROUND 120
PETAWATTS FROM THE
SUN AT ANY GIVEN
MOMENT.



NICE, SOME
GOOD NEWS. HE'S
NOT AS POWERFUL
AS THE SUN.



MY BEST GUESS IS HE MADE HIMSELF THAT POWERFUL IN ORDER TO STORM TAA II, GALACTUS' WORLDSHIP, AND POSSIBLY TO TAKE ON GALACTUS HIMSELF IF HE HAS TO.



CAN I, UH, GET SOME OF THAT WATER?



MY HUNCH IS HE WANTS THE POWER COSMIC. THE LAST TIME HE GOT IT ON TAA II, HE ESSENTIALLY BECAME GOD, AND WE COULDN'T STOP HIM.

YOU ALREADY MET HALCYON. HE'S NEW, BUT HE KNOWS ANY ENGINE INSIDE AND OUT.

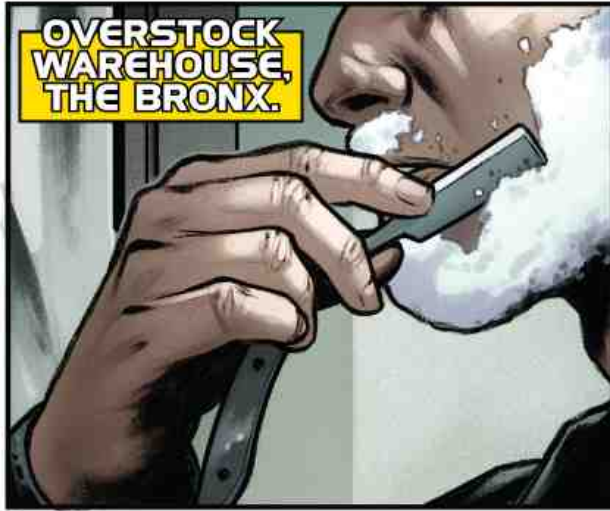
CHCK-GSN



HE'S LITERALLY UNFLINCHING BECAUSE HE'S GOT A MUTANT HEART RATE LOCKED AT 70 BPM. THIS SUIT STIMULATES HIS ADRENAL SYSTEM SO HE'S NOT INSTANTLY KILLED WHILE HANGING OUT WITH US.

QUESTIONS?





**OVERSTOCK
WAREHOUSE,
THE BRONX.**



LORD KORVAC,
GUARDSMAN IS IN
POSITION AND WE'VE
LOCKED IN THE
COORDINATES.

THANK
YOU,
UNICORN.



ACOLYTES...



...THIS SHIP
WILL TAKE US
TO THE DOORSTEP
OF HEAVEN
ITSELF.



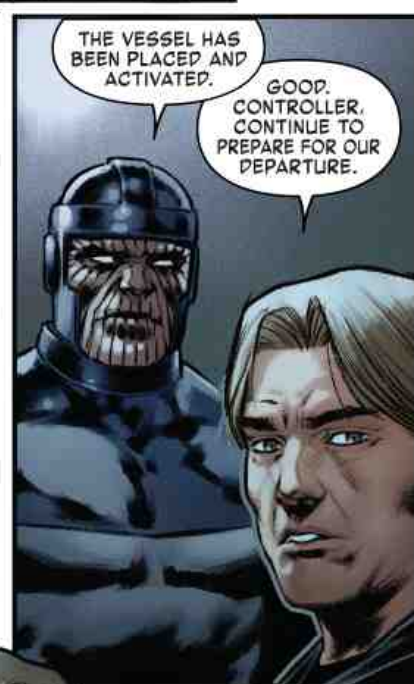
YOU GOT
RID OF THE
GOATEE.
GOOD CALL.



CAN'T TELL
IF YOU'RE MORE
FOCUSED ON THE
SAVED OR THE
SAVIOR...

WE NEED
TO LEAVE BEFORE
TAA II MOVES
FROM THE GOSS
SECTOR.

WE CAN'T
PULL STARK
OUT INTO SPACE
AFTER US. HE HAS
TO BE SACRIFICED
HERE, ON THIS
PLANET.



THE VESSEL HAS
BEEN PLACED AND
ACTIVATED.

GOOD.
CONTROLLER,
CONTINUE TO
PREPARE FOR OUR
DEPARTURE.



ALL I
NEED IS AN
HOUR.



...PATSY...
...PATSY...

NO...
I WON'T TELL
YOU ANYTHING...
I WON'T...

...SAVE
RHODES...
SAVE TONY... LET
ME SAVE YOU
ALL...



AND YOU'VE
ASSISTED IN THIS
PROCEDURE
BEFORE?

YES, SEVERAL
TIMES. YOU
THINK IT'LL BE
EFFECTIVE?

ELECTRO-
CONVULSIVE THERAPY
IS USUALLY A LAST RESORT
FOR ME, BUT WE'VE GOT TO
TAMP DOWN THE VOICES
SHE'S HEARING.

YEARS AGO.



"WITH A **CLEARER**
MIND, SHE'LL HAVE A
MUCH BETTER CHANCE
AT RECOVERY."



KEEP GOING.
FOLLOW ME.
BRING STARK
WITH YOU.



YOU
JUST WANT
US DEAD,
KORVAC.



NO, PATSY.
I FEEL HOW YOU'VE
SUFFERED. HOW YOU'RE
STILL TORMENTED.
WHEN I MAKE ALL THINGS
ONE...YOUR TORMENT
WILL VANISH
FOREVER.



...RAIN...
HOW DID
I...

I DON'T
WANT TO
HURT YOU
AGAIN.

YOU THINK
I HAVEN'T DEALT
WITH VOICES
INSIDE MY HEAD
BEFORE,
KORVAC?



YOU KNOW
MY LIGHT. I
WILL FREE THE
WORLD.



MAYBE.



MAYBE
#*%& YOURSELF.





I'VE BEEN
PLAYING IT AS
A GIVEN THAT I
SHOULD STOP
HIM.

NO MATTER HOW
CONVINCED KORVAC
IS THAT HE SHOULD
"PERFECT" THE UNIVERSE,
HE HAS TO BE OUT OF
HIS MIND. HE HAS TO
BE WRONG.



...DOESN'T
HE?



HIS INTELLECT
HAS NEVER BEEN
QUANTIFIED.

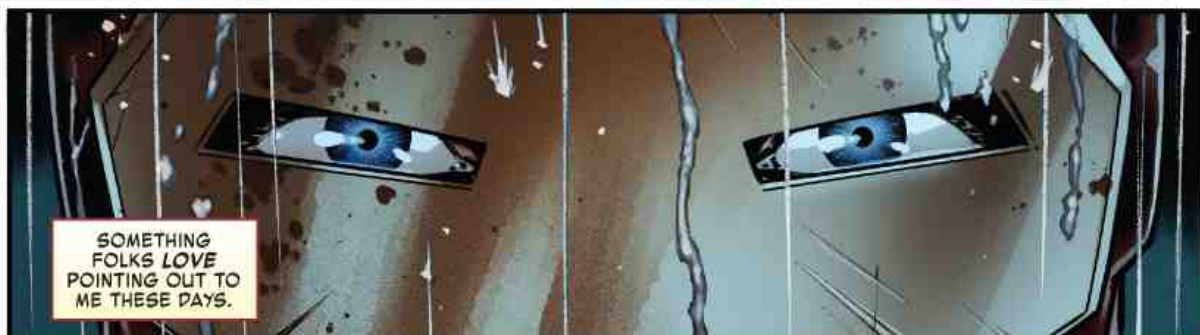
I HAVE TO
ADMIT, A SMALL
PART OF ME...

...WONDERS IF
HE REALLY DOES
KNOW BETTER.

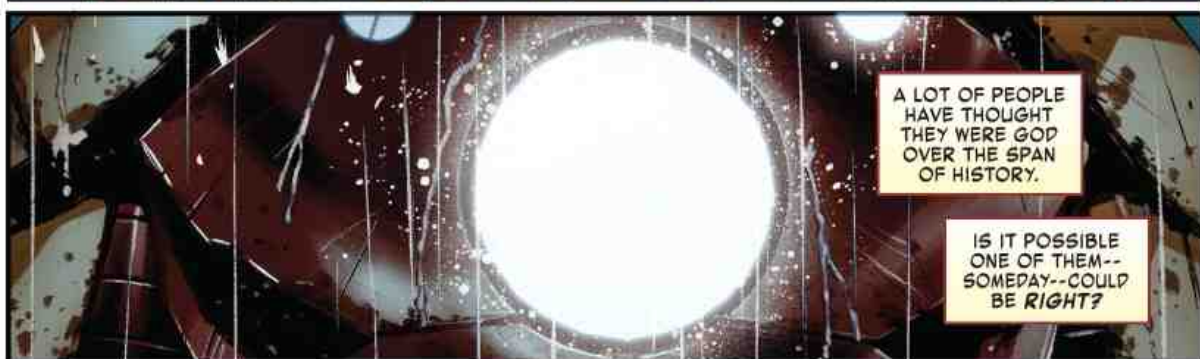


I CAN'T COUNT HOW
MANY IDEAS I'VE HAD
ABOUT HOW TO SAVE
THE WORLD. HOW
SURE I'VE BEEN.

AND HOW I'VE
BEEN **WRONG**
BASICALLY
EVERY TIME...

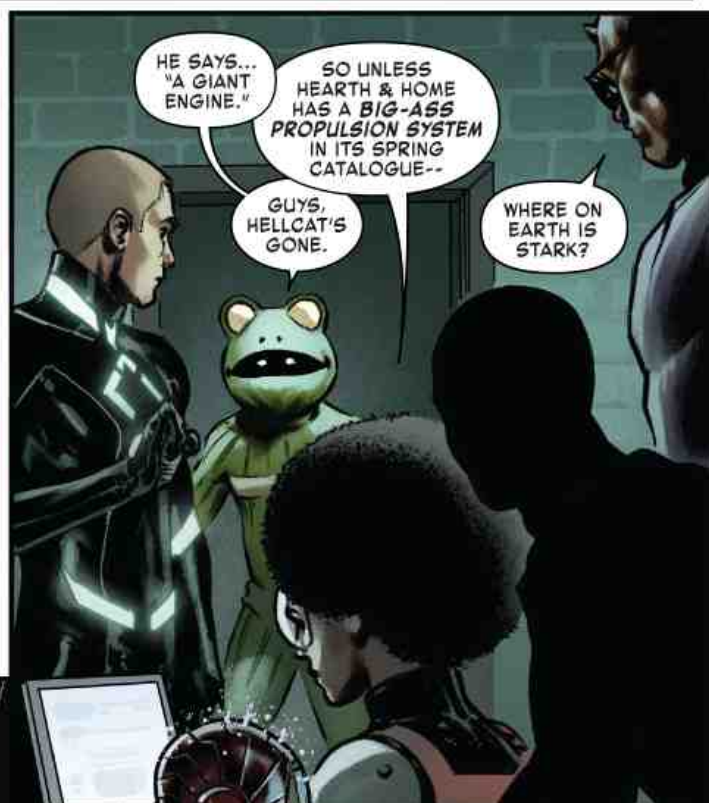


SOMETHING
FOLKS **LOVE**
POINTING OUT TO
ME THESE DAYS.

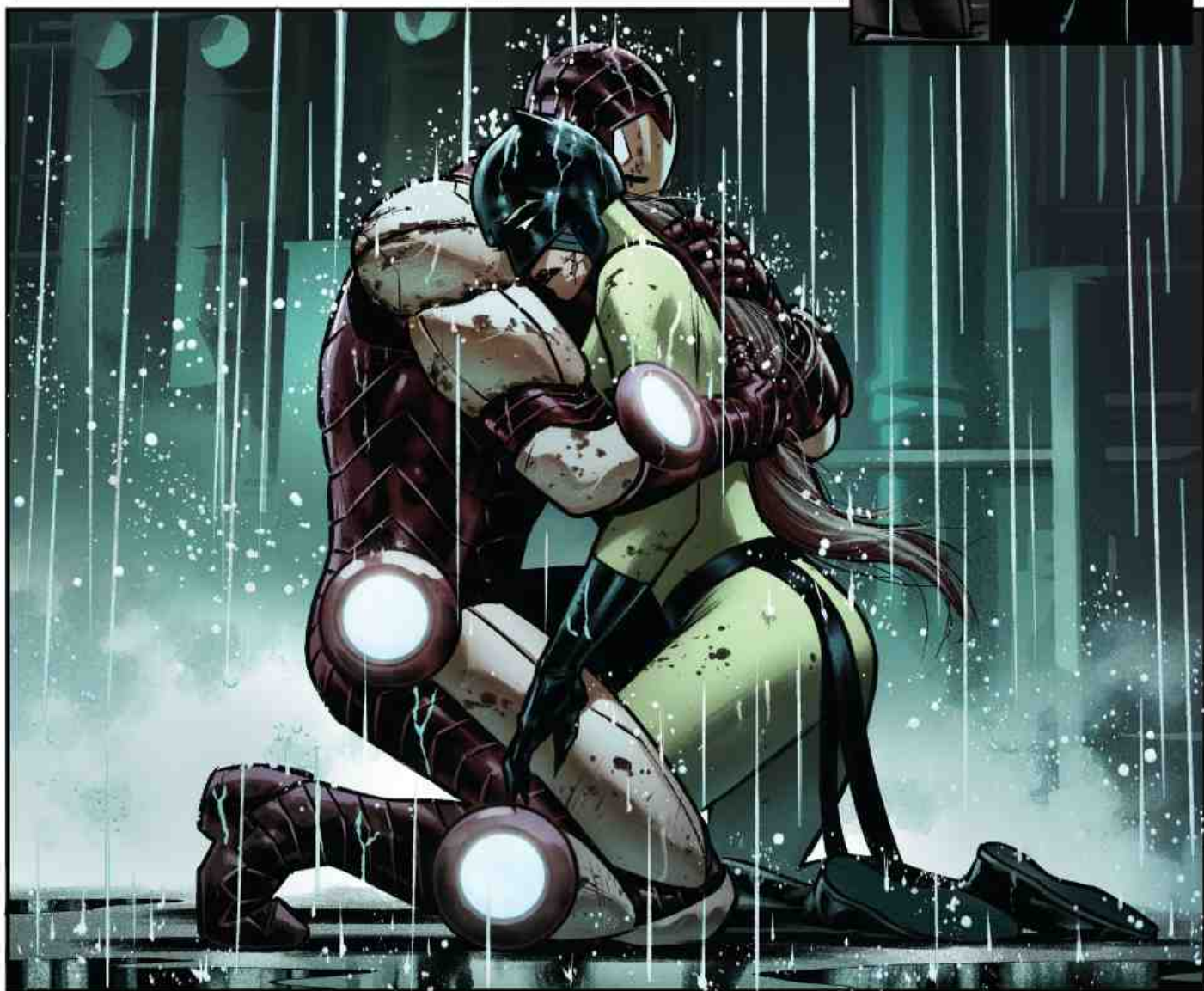


A LOT OF PEOPLE
HAVE THOUGHT
THEY WERE GOD
OVER THE SPAN
OF HISTORY.

IS IT POSSIBLE
ONE OF THEM--
SOMEDAY--COULD
BE **RIGHT**?









STARK,
IT'S MISTY. WE'RE
CLOSING IN ON A
POSSIBLE OFF-PLANET
ENGINE IN PORT
MORRIS.

WAIT FOR
ME TO MAKE
YOUR MOVE. AND
MISTY, BE
CAREFUL...



WHO
KNOWS
BEST?

IS IT
ME?



THERE'S
A MAN WITH
A BOMB
INSIDE!



PATSY,
I HAVE TO
GO...

NO! DON'T
GO, DON'T
LEAVE ME!
FIRE AND
TEETH...



I WILL BE
RIGHT BACK.
I PROMISE.

WHO
KNOWS
BEST?

...DON'T
LEAVE ME TO
THEM...





IS THERE A BETTER CANDIDATE? YOU, PERHAPS?



NO ONE WOULD TRUST ME FARTHER THAN THEY COULD THROW ME, INCLUDING ME.

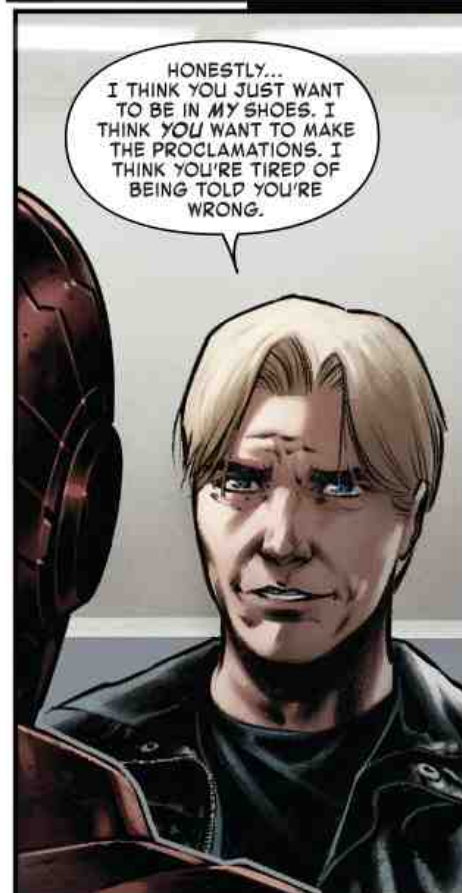
BUT... IF SOMEONE HAD TO CALL ALL THE SHOTS... I'D MUCH RATHER IT BE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT'S RIGHT--

STARK. WE'RE HERE.



WE'VE FOUND THE SHIP. IT'S A SHI'AR JUMPCRAFT.

DISABLE IT.



HONESTLY... I THINK YOU JUST WANT TO BE IN MY SHOES. I THINK YOU WANT TO MAKE THE PROCLAMATIONS. I THINK YOU'RE TIRED OF BEING TOLD YOU'RE WRONG.



HOLD ON... TONY... THERE'S NOTHING HERE.

WHAT?

THE SHIP-- IT'S A SHELL. EVEN THOUGH THE STAR DRIVE IS POWERED UP...



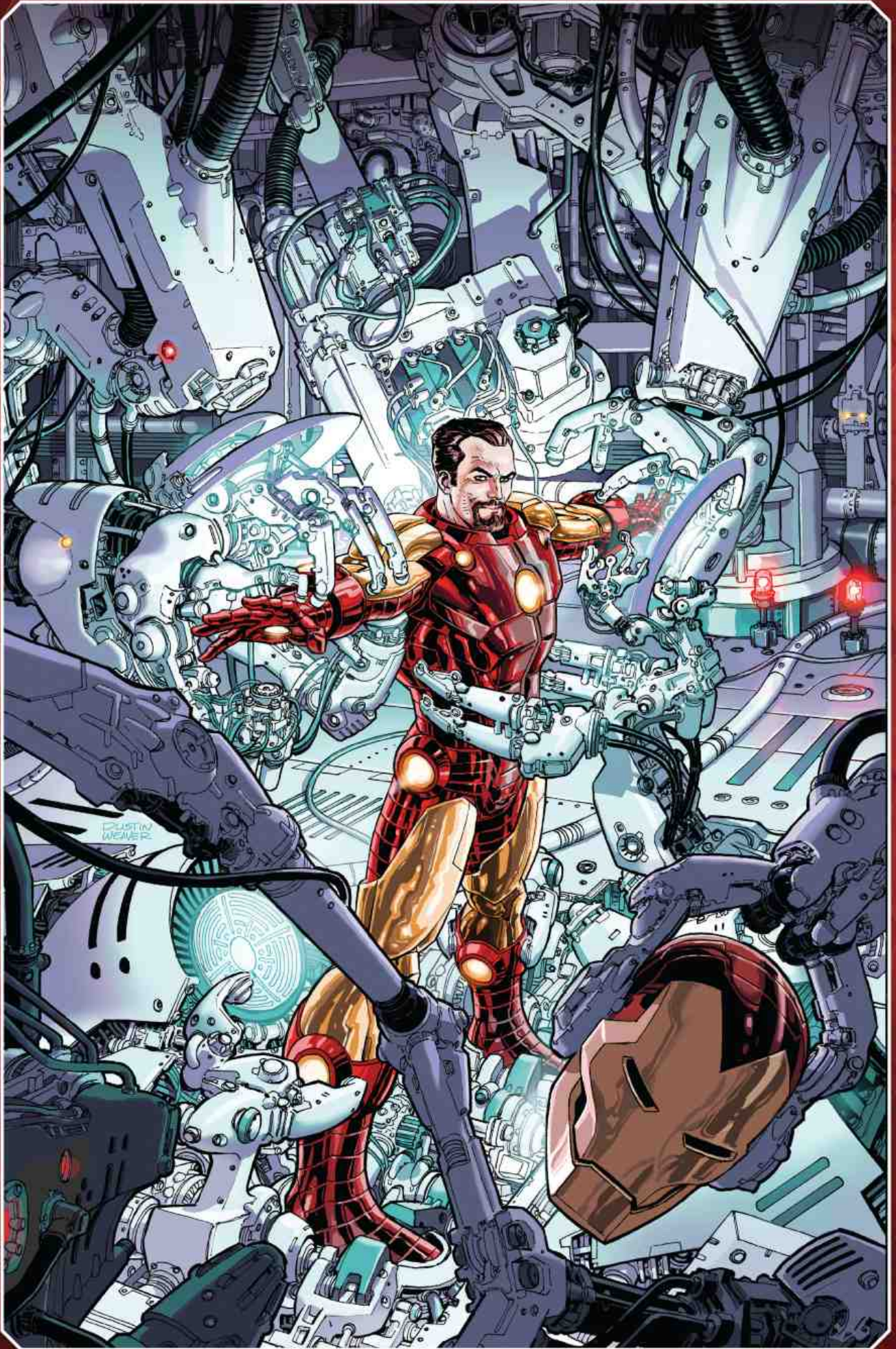




MARK BROOKS
1 VARIANT



HIDETAKA TENJIN
1 VARIANT



DUSTIN WEAVER
1 VARIANT



R.B. SILVA & MARTE GRACIA
1 VARIANT

WHOEVER KNOWS FEAR BURNS AT THE TOUCH OF HIS REPULSOR BLASTS!

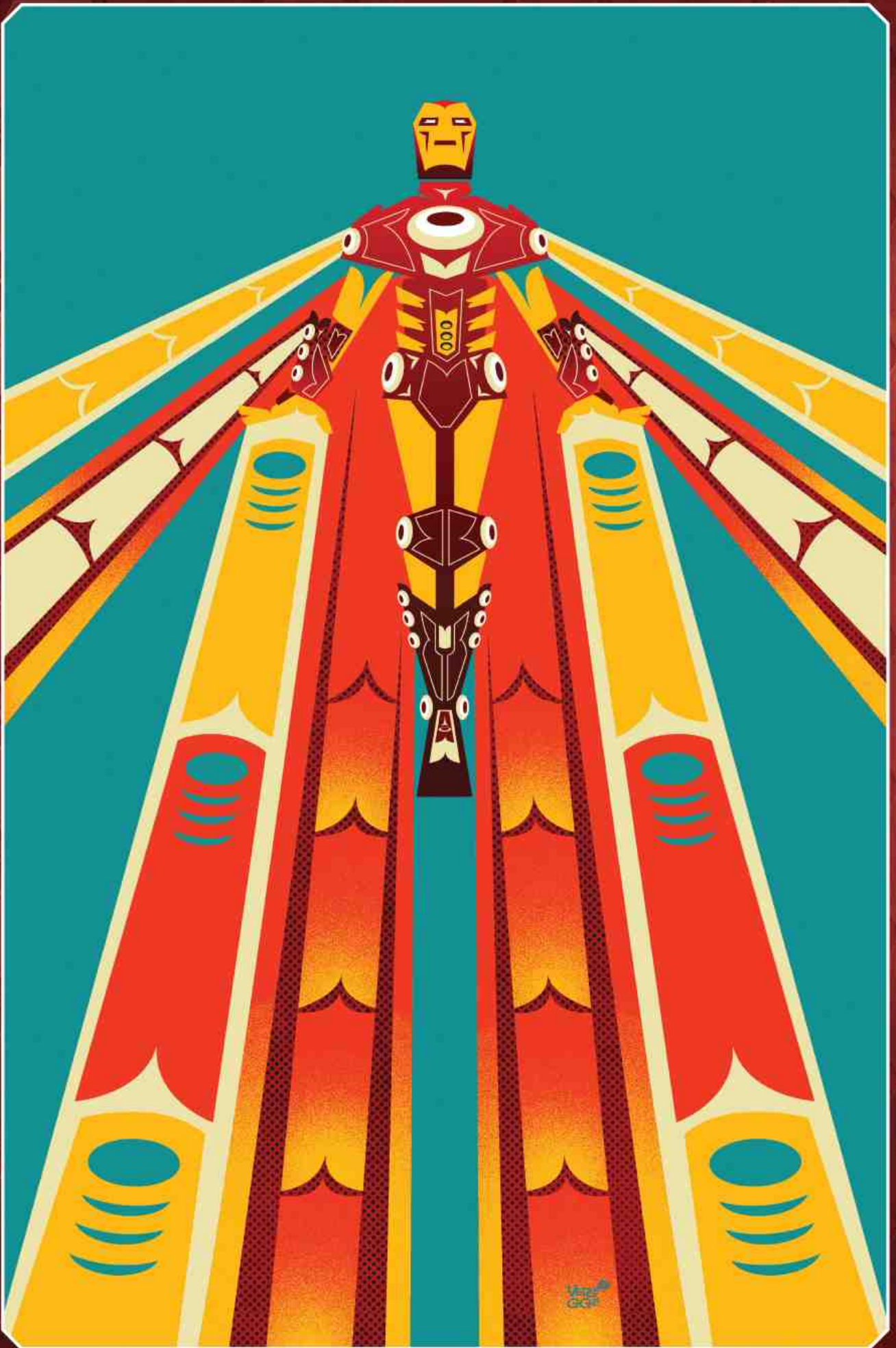
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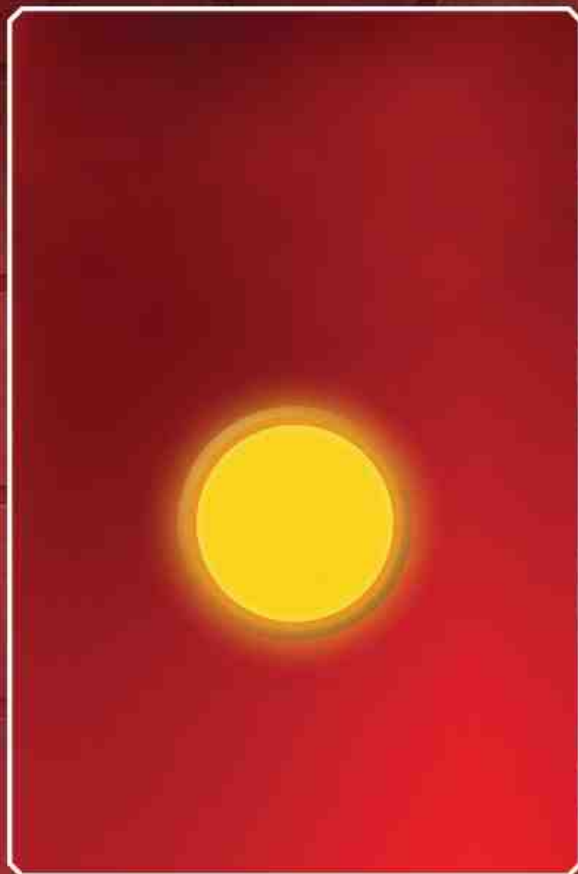
SKAN
2 VARIANT



JEFFREY VEREGGE
3 VARIANT



RICK LEONARDI & JASON KEITH
1 VARIANT



1 RED & GOLD VARIANT



TODD NAUCK & RACHELLE ROSENBERG
4 HEADSHOT VARIANT



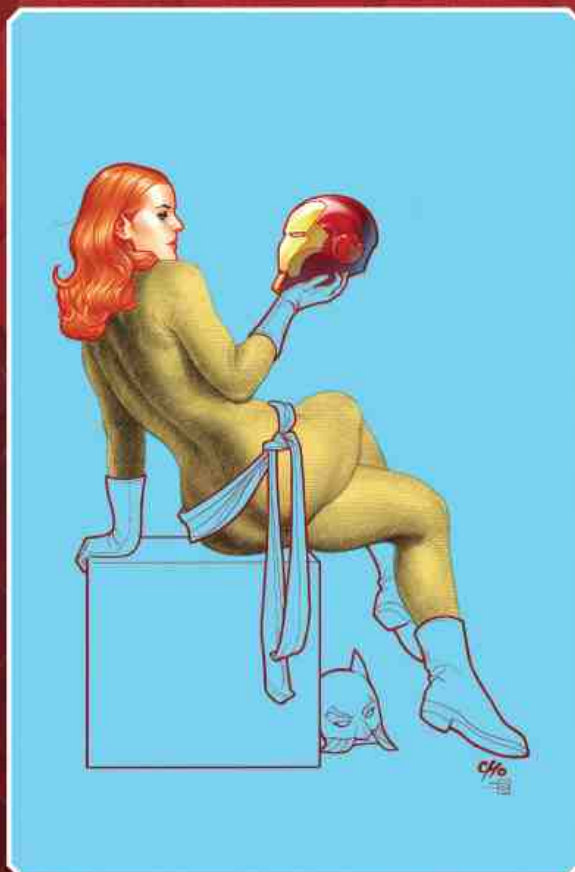
DAVE RAPOZA
4 KNULLIFIED VARIANT



PEACH MOMOKO
4 STORMBREAKERS VARIANT



ACO
5 VARIANT



FRANK CHO & SABINE RICH
5 VARIANT

"The artwork is gorgeous and the writing hits a symphony of emotional notes." —Monkeys Fighting Robots

TONY STARK IS LOOKING TO **RESTART HIS ENGINE.**

HE'S GOING BACK TO BASICS, putting away his high-tech toys and high-profile image so he can get his hands dirty again. It's time to put on some old-fashioned metal — and fly! But can Tony really lay down that Stark-sized ego? Life just isn't that simple, something old friends and frustrating foes are quick to point out. So Iron Man takes the fight back to the streets, facing down old-school villains like Arcade and the Absorbing Man. But what's really going on in Tony's head? As old friends like Hellcat try to help him find peace of mind, lurking on the horizon is a threat Tony — and the entire cosmos — hasn't seen in years. Prepare for the new saga of Korvac!



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